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# ARTUR TO FIGHT ON

## BORUC VOWS TO REGAIN HIS PLACE AS SAINTS' FIRST-CHOICE KEEPER



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**ARTUR Boruc has said he will fight for his place in the Saints team after failing to secure a deadline day move away from the club.**

The Polish keeper has been left out of the squad for the last couple of weeks ahead of a possible move away from St Mary's following the £10m signing of Fraser Forster.

However, deadline day passed with Boruc still a Saints player.

It leaves Saints boss Ronald Koeman with a tricky dilemma in terms of keeping everyone happy, with Forster, Boruc, club captain Kelvin Davis, Paulo Gazzaniga and Cody Cropper all pushing for first team action.

Boruc is out of contract at the end of this season

and there is no prospect of him being offered a new deal.

Boruc though, says he will fight for his place. "I'll try my best if I get a chance to fight for the place in Southampton's squad," said Boruc, speaking on a visit to the museum of his former club, Legia Warsaw, while away on international duty with Poland.

"I haven't had it so far

"I look forward to return to the club and see where I stand."

Boruc has been linked with a possible move back to Legia Warsaw and certainly didn't rule out such a thing happening, though did admit it is tricky with the window now closed.

"The ball's in Legia's court. Of course I'd like to play here again," said Boruc.

"I've always said that I would like to come back to Legia Warsaw someday and nothing has changed about that."

Upon signing Forster, Saints boss Koeman had initially said he wanted Boruc to stay and fight for his place.

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Saints keeper  
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## Ramirez: People told me Hull was a lovely place

GASTON Ramirez revealed this week that he was happy to move to Hull on loan – because so many people had told him what a lovely place it is.

The Uruguayan playmaker left St Mary's on transfer deadline day to complete a season-long switch to the Premier League club.

"I'm so happy to be here and I'm eager to get started," Ramirez told Hull's official website. "I want to show the Hull City fans what I can do. It was a quick decision to sign here once I knew the club were interested."

"Many people have told me about this area and what a lovely place it is. Also, I know this team is like a family."

"It can sometimes be difficult to have change in your life, but I believe this will be a good season for Hull City and for



GASTON RAMIREZ

me. There are many fantastic players here and the manager made some brilliant signings this summer.

"We must all come together now to get results on the pitch and do our best for the fans. It is all about results."

"We must work hard during the week to be stronger on match day."

The departure of Ramirez in the closing hours of the window came as something of a surprise, with Saints manager Ronald Koeman having stated just a few days earlier that he would not be leaving.

But it is understood that Ramirez had told the club he wanted first-team football, and, as that could not be guaranteed, particularly with the arrival of £10m winger Sadio Mane on deadline day, he was therefore allowed to leave. Ramirez, who became Saints' then-record signing in 2012 when joining in a £12m deal from Bologna, still has two years left on his contract at St Mary's.

He has failed to fulfil his undoubted talent since arriving at the club, though, making 45 Premier League appearances – only 23 of which were starts – while contributing six goals and six assists in the competition.

# SAINTS SEEM IN BETTER SHAPE

## GO on, admit it.

This time two months ago you never thought the summer transfer window would end and you'd actually be happy, did you?

After what can only be described as a traumatic summer, Saints have emerged on the other side stronger and better equipped for life in the top ten in the Premiership.

However if you followed the Fox Sports network websites you'd see Saints listed as one the losers during the transfer window and Manchester United as one of the winners.

Quite how Fox came to that conclusion is beyond me.

You can only assume it comes with the obligatory reference to the Championship manager video game mind-set of some followers of the beautiful game who look at stats rather than actual performances.

Looking at Saints' ins and outs, you'd have to say the club has done remarkably well in remarkably difficult circumstances.

Pelle is pretty much a like-for-like replacement for Rickie Lambert, only younger.

Tadic is a like-for-like replacement for Lallana, but £10 million cheaper.

Bertrand is a more than able replacement for

seemed more interested in his off-the-pitch interests than the activity that actually paid his wages.

He's built for the Premiership and, if his early efforts are anything to go by, he's an exciting proposition.

Tadic is the one to watch, in my ever-so-humble opinion.

He has big shoes to fill.

Lallana was, with Lambert, my favourite player of the last ten years.

He was a player who had that ability to drop a shoulder, lose a man and get you on your feet.

Tadic has shown great promise and, if he fulfils that potential, he'll be an absolute steal.

Defensively, we look stronger as well.

We have England's number two goalkeeper, plus two central defenders with Champions League experience in Toby Alderweireld and Florin Gardos, for the equivalent of what we got for Dejan Lovren.

With every purchase, Saints are looking stronger and stronger.

Ask yourself, how would you feel if Saints had turned down the bids for Lambert, Lallana, Lovren and Chambers and then seen them falter this season?

How would you feel if we'd turned down £90 million and kept players that didn't quite follow up their potential?

This is football, after all, not a computer simulation and luck plays a part in a footballer's development.

In all honesty, I truly believe this club could surprise a lot of people this season and do quite well.

But what's that I hear you say?

The tabloid media still don't rate our chances?

Our new players are unproven in the Premiership?

Perhaps it's just me, but isn't every season a risk?

Who's to say that Lallana doesn't suffer a dip in form at Liverpool? That Lovren doesn't have that second good season? That Shaw doesn't quite get back to the match fitness levels that got him a multi-million pound contract at Manchester United?

There are countless permutations that make up a footballer's career, branches of decisions and actions that decide if a footballer is a success or a failure.

None of us possess crystal balls, the power of foresight.

None of us can predict how this season will progress.

We could struggle.

It could take time for the team to gel or the team could hit the ground running and surprise everyone. That's football, that's the beauty of the game, the unpredictability of football that both delights and frustrates in equal measure.

In the out tray, in addition to the "Southampton 5" we now say our goodbyes to Jos Hooiveld, Billy Sharp, Gaston Ramirez and Dani Osvaldo.

I can't thank the first two enough for their contribution.

I'm probably damning them with faint praise when I say that they sadly weren't quite up to requirements of a club with European ambitions, but Sharp and Hooiveld both played pivotal roles in our promotion from the Championship.

Sharp will do well at Leeds, he's the archetypal fox in the box and a terrific addition for any Championship team.

Hooiveld was probably damned by the amount of own goals he scored in his time at the club.

But it's amusing that when people harp on about that particular part of his game, they conveniently forget the man scored nine goals in our Championship season which for a centre back is sensational.

Both are thoroughly decent people and both made a huge impact on the club in the short time they were here. I wish them nothing but the best.

The transfer window is closed. The season effectively starts now.

I, for one, cannot wait.

## BEAUTIFUL SOUTH

BY DAREN WHEELER

Luke Shaw and the money for Dejan Lovren appears to have got us three international defensive players.

By anyone's standards, that is good business for Southampton Football club.

The media are starting to come around.

The tabloid press now seem to have accepted that a club that spends £65 million on players and still has £32 million left to play with, isn't a club in meltdown, isn't having a fire sale and does have some sense of ambition.

When you look at other clubs and their transfer day activity, you have to ask yourself who actually is in crisis and who isn't.

Nothing has been said of Manchester United and their signing of Radamel Falcao from Monaco that screams "panic buy."

His wages alone would make Sir Matt Busby turn in his grave. The player will earn approximately £265,000-a-week, and it is not thought Monaco are paying any part of his wages.

Angel Di Maria, a £59.7 million capture from Real Madrid, again seems out of place with United's previous transfer dealings.

Only the £13.8 million signing of Daley Blind seems logical.

In terms of the new boys, you'd have to be dead from the neck up not be excited at the prospect of Pelle up front and Tadic in midfield.

Pelle seems to have a fierce desire to succeed, which seems to be the polar opposite to Dani Osvaldo, who

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# Paine's World

The Saints legend's **EXCLUSIVE** column on all things football

## SILLY season is finally over.

The 11pm transfer deadline (unless you're Aston Villa) brought to an end the most expensive summer transfer window in the history of the English game.

A total of £850 million was spent in just two months.

Of course, that was aided by Manchester United's enormous spending spree in the hope of regaining their place among Europe's elite.

They were not solely to blame for the exorbitant total that appeared on Monday night, though, as Liverpool, Chelsea and even the Saints did their fair share of spending.

This window surely illustrates that there is now more money in the Premier League than anywhere else.

Yes, Barcelona and Real Madrid both made their obligatory £50m-plus signings this year, but, outside of the top two in Spain, La Liga fails to attract as many big names as we have seen the Premier League welcome these past couple of seasons.

Sure, it can be argued that the elite names in European football are still heading there – Luis Suárez, James Rodríguez, Toni Kroos etc.

But pretty much everyone else is being raked in by English football.

Diego Costa, Cesc Fàbregas, Mario Balotelli, Radamel Falcao and Ángel de María all arrived on English shores last month, joining established stars already here such as David Silva, Sergio Agüero, Robin van Persie, Mesut Özil and Eden Hazard.

Never mind the fact that Everton are now able to spend £28m on Romelu Lukaku!

The press this week has been drowned in articles criticising United's purchasing prowess.

Di Maria was said to have cost United £24m more than what they should have paid.

Unless you are one of United's money men, though, why is that a problem?

Clubs who generate as much revenue as United should be attracting big names, and the league as a whole benefits from their presence on our fields.

The prestige of the division returns when the world's most coveted players ply their trade in it, and the league can now boast that every team involved in it will turn up each weekend with players worth watching.

## COMPELLING

It is a competition that, at the moment, is as compelling as anyone would wish.

As satisfying as it is for viewers across the globe, however, the entertainment factor might not necessarily compensate for the roadblock forming on the path for English talent at Premier League clubs.

Burnley, admirably so, bought only British-based players this window.

Palace, amid their managerial crisis, did the same.

Yet, with top British talent attracting some of the window's largest fees, it's no surprise that those with the biggest cheque books look abroad for proven talent, rather than paying the premium for Brits with potential.

The fact that Luke Shaw cost more than Fàbregas should say it all.

England's drab victory over Norway on Wednesday in front of a half-full Wembley won't have done much in offering hope to the nation, which has become gripped by its domestic league, but bored with its national team.

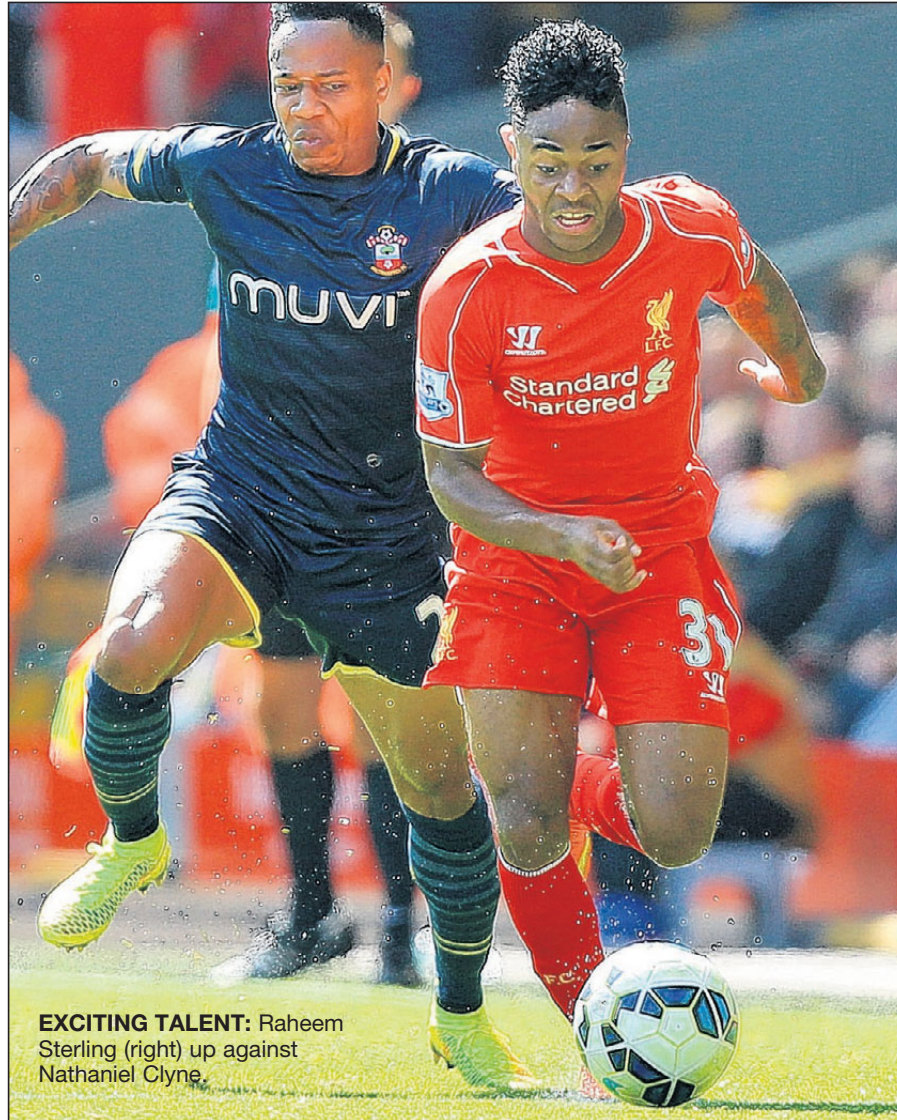
But let's not dive too deep into the depths of concern surrounding the English side, as is customary after another major tournament disappointment – difficult as that may be during an international break.

Just for the moment, let's marvel at what lies ahead this season in the Premier League.

The sums of money being thrown about aren't everything at the end of the day.

The romance remains. There is no other league like it.

While United's struggles this early in the season



**EXCITING TALENT:** Raheem Sterling (right) up against Nathaniel Clyne.

# Money brings in big names

may have been predicted, not many would have guessed Stoke would walk away from the Etihad Stadium last weekend with all three points.

It's results like that which have helped attract some of the world's best back to the league too.

Tactical naivety, and the emphasis of power ahead of technique, have given way.

The likes of Liverpool, under a British manager with perhaps England's most exciting talent in Raheem Sterling, are playing some of the most progressive and attractive football in Europe at the moment.

Southampton, under Mauricio Pochettino last season would have done well in any league, and so too Everton.

The national team may have been stuck at a crossroads for the past 50-odd years, but the domestic league is thriving.

The big-name arrivals this summer have captured the imagination of many, but the exciting thing is that this is just the start.

Big names attract viewers, simple as that.

When Old Trafford provides the stage for Falcao and Di Maria to make their home debuts next weekend, most admirers of the beautiful game will be tuning in, soaking up what is sure to be a rapturous welcome to United's latest high-profile acquisitions.

The swelling of an already huge global audience will mean that, in the coming years, Premier League clubs can expect even more fortunes to head their way through television deals and sponsors alike.

As fans, pundits and lovers of the league, this means we can expect even more big names in the future.

## Boruc: I will stay and fight for place

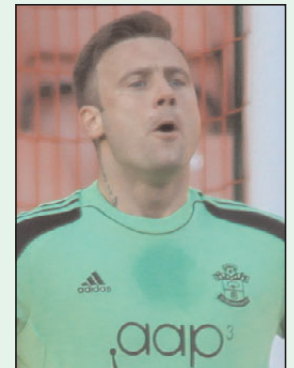
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However, he later admitted as the player wanted to leave and given his contract situation he was happy for an exit.

"Everybody knows the situation with Artur Boruc – it's the last season of his contract – so this is a choice about the future," the Saints manager said when Forster joined.

"I've already spoken to Artur, and Fraser Forster comes in as the first goalkeeper. Artur has to give real competition, and I expect that, because that's the professional way.

"It's a difficult situation for him, I understand that, but it's football. We need competition in all of the



**STAYING PUT:** Artur Boruc has vowed to fight to get the No.1 spot back from new signing Fraser Forster.

positions."

But before the close of the window he added: "He's training like he did before, that's no problem.

"I spoke to him. I said 'ok, I know you would like to move.' That's normal after the decision that has been made in his position, and until the deadline he will not be on the team.

"If he stays, ok, then it will be a new situation and we will think about it.

"When he moves, I think that is the best for Artur and the best for the club." Koeman insisted he was not upset at Boruc's desire to move.

"No, I'm not frustrated," he said. "I think it's a normal situation that he believes in himself.

"He has to think of the Polish national team, and to be part of that he has to play, and that's a normal situation.

"I can understand that, because I like players who will do everything to play."

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# Adam Rant



This week's big talking points  
with **Adam Leitch**

## Sky is the limit

YOU continually hear that transfer deadline day wouldn't be the same without Sky Sports and their rolling coverage of it.

That's probably right.

It would probably be a lot nicer.

There were some extraordinary stories that popped up during the day, that suddenly never got mentioned again.

Then there was the ridiculous new Sky Sports HQ studio, a living testament to all things gaudy and tacky.

But, worst of all, were the scenes outside the grounds, where the roving reporters get stationed.

Quite why you need to have all these poor souls on location stood outside a ground is anybody's guess.

As most journalists know, it's not like they get many stories there, and most of the time they are just trying to follow up what people sat in other offices have already reported.

Worse than that, they have to put up with the unruly mobs that inevitably surround them.

During the daytime it's a bit of fun, but come the evening things get far more sinister.

This year we saw sex toys being waved around and poked in a reporter's ear, blow up dolls, explicit language and the guy outside Crystal Palace having to be taken away by security for his own safety.

It's some sort of bizarre TV myth that having a bunch of people in the background makes it more exciting.

It makes it more dangerous and more irritating.

You are simply asking for trouble, and now it will only get worse as there will be people trying to go one better again.

Sky either need security all around their reporters, which totally negates the point of them being stationed outside grounds anyway, or need a drastic rethink.

To be fair, their entire coverage of deadline day needs that.

They present it as fresh and colourful and exciting.

In truth, it is tedious, monotonous and appealing only to the lowest common denominator.

## Fair deal?

ANYBODY who preaches about Financial Fair Play and the impact it will have should take a look at the vast number of loan deals completed this summer, particularly by some of the biggest clubs in the world.

There are so many workarounds by sides trying to defer payments it has made a total farce of the situation already. Any thought that you should only be able to buy a player if you can pay for them seems further away than ever.

# A WINDOW WE'LL

## TRANSFER TURBULENCE SEES END OF SUMMER OF CHANGE

### IT WAS a transfer window nobody connected with Saints will forget in a hurry.

Without doubt it was by far the most turbulent since the transfer window system first kicked into life in England in 2003, and was probably the club's most remarkable ever summer of change.

Having spent years as a club synonymous with stability, Saints have certainly had their fair share of upheavals over the past decade - this summer is only rivalled by the one that featured administration and Markus Liebherr's takeover in 2009.

Last season seems so long ago already, as does the departure of Mauricio Pochettino.

### Talking point

In fact, so much has happened since then it's easy to forget that it even occurred during this summer, whereas for most clubs the loss of a manager would be the major talking point of the closed season.

With the likes of Rickie Lambert, Adam Lallana, Luke Shaw, Dejan Lovren and Calum Chambers going for around £90m and Graziano Pelle, Dusan Tadic, Florin Gardos, Toby Alderweireld, Sadio Mane, Fraser Forster, Shane Long and Ryan Bertrand arriving for around £60m, it's certainly been eventful.

The big question for Saints fans is just where the club are now compared to where they were.

The easiest way to evaluate it is to look at it in instalments.

### Goalkeepers:

Fraser Forster is certainly an upgrade on what they had before, so they are without doubt stronger.

### Left back:

Saints do not require a world class left back, as nice as it is to have one. But they do need

somebody consistent and reliable. In losing Shaw and gaining Bertrand they have got exactly that.

### Right back:

It was either Chambers of Nathaniel Clyne, now it's just Clyne, and the way he's started this season suggests he might have been the pick anyway. With Alderweireld as cover that is more than acceptable.

### Centre halves:

Losing Dejan Lovren was of course a big blow but Saints have effectively lost one first team centre half and gained two others, with Gardos and Alderweireld arriving. Indeed, with Jose Fonte also there and Maya Yoshida possibly even squeezed to fourth choice, there is an embarrassment of riches.

### Central midfield:

It's as you were, no ins or outs. Most significantly, Morgan Schneiderlin is still at the club.

### Attacking midfield:

It took a hit with the departure of Adam Lallana, who was such a leader as well as being prodigiously talented.

Once more, though, the squad looks stronger with Tadic and Mane coming in, the question is whether they will adapt to the Premier League and provide what Lallana brought to the table. Don't forget that there is also Jay Rodriguez to return from injury as well.

### Strikers:

Lambert's boots are big ones to fill.

Saints have drafted in Pelle and Long to offer a strong physical presence and a player who can play on the shoulder of the last defender.

### Manager:

Pochettino was successful at Saints, but you always had the impression he was in it for himself rather than the long term good of the club.

It proved that way with his departure, but Ronald Koeman has come in and been hugely impressive.

His demeanour, the way he has led the club during a tricky time and the team he is building breeds confidence in him.

All things considered, the summary has to be that things are not nearly as bleak as people might have had you believe a few months ago.

Saints had to tackle a tough summer head on and

they have done that and come out the other side.

As Adam

Rant was writing at the time, it was always going

to be a case of letting the board do what they thought was for the best because, no matter how worrying it seemed, they weren't going to just keep selling.

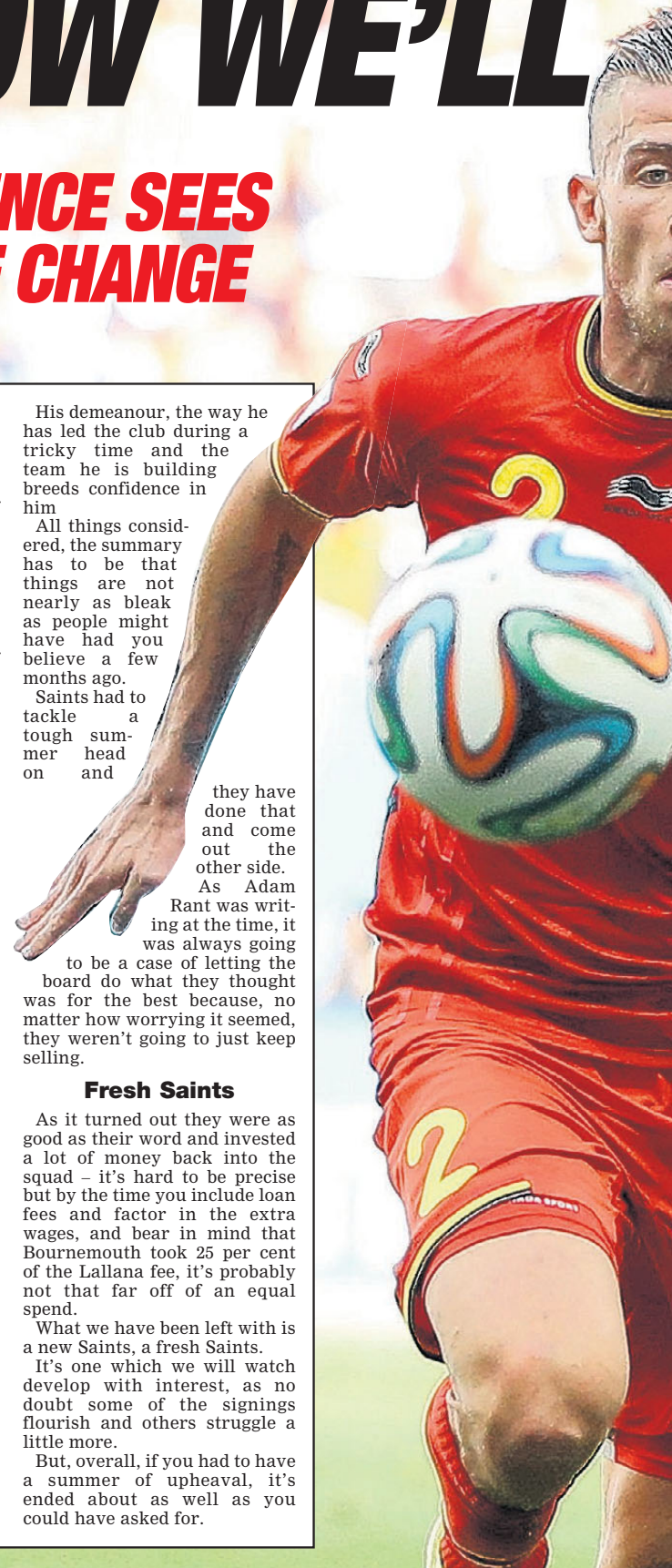
### Fresh Saints

As it turned out they were as good as their word and invested a lot of money back into the squad - it's hard to be precise but by the time you include loan fees and factor in the extra wages, and bear in mind that Bournemouth took 25 per cent of the Lallana fee, it's probably not that far off of an equal spend.

What we have been left with is a new Saints, a fresh Saints.

It's one which we will watch develop with interest, as no doubt some of the signings flourish and others struggle a little more.

But, overall, if you had to have a summer of upheaval, it's ended about as well as you could have asked for.





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# ALL REMEMBER



**WORKING as a journalist on deadline day is a weird experience, and it was particular odd covering Saints this year.**

As was witnessed by the blog on the *Daily Echo's* website, we were accurately reporting what the club were trying to do from early in the morning.

But it took until not far short of midnight until it was all done and dusted.

It's a situation where you are so grateful for having good contacts.

Without them, it would be a much tougher situation.

The number of rumours flying about was just ridiculous, and even normally very reliable types got taken in by it all.

A couple of examples just surrounding Saints prove this.

There was a panic in the morning as Sky Sports reported that Saints had made a fresh £15m for Tottenham winger Andros Townsend.

We didn't believe this to be true as we knew Saints were chasing Sadio Mane and had Nathan Redmond as their back-up option.

But with Sky reporting it it suddenly becomes like fact in many people's minds.

We quickly got to the stage where we were convinced it was not correct.

Sky, having previously trumpeted their exclusive news, now followed it up with a further exclusive that Saints had NOT bid for £15m for Townsend.

That kind of shows what you are up against.

A further example were the reports that Saints were set to sign

## DEADLINE DAY PROVES AN ODD EXPERIENCE...

Diego Capel on loan.

Again, we believed them to be incorrect, as Saints were after Mane.

But still late afternoon one very well respected national journalist put a message on Twitter not only repeating the story but saying he was utterly convinced it was only a matter of time until it was formally announced.

As it turned out, we were able to shoot that down quickly, and the club duly confirmed they had never had any interest in the player whatsoever.

He had never made a longlist, let alone a shortlist, let alone setting up a loan move.

Add to that the ten or so random names that were

apparently about to depart, and you have a confusing situation to navigate your way through.

We took a decision early on to stick with what we knew was happening and try to have tunnel vision as much as possible.

Thankfully it paid off as we were the only people consistently correct with the coverage throughout the day, other than the club of course, who it has to be said handled the late signings brilliantly, with their use of social media once again putting other, bigger Premier League clubs to shame.

It is a strange parallel universe you suddenly find yourself in.

You actually know what is going on, and yet you spend all day having people who know far, far less than you tell you that you haven't got a clue and that they or others they have heard from know better.

Ultimately, it's a day where having contacts wins out, and showing them due respect and care by ensuring you work in a responsible way and don't get carried away by the hype actually means all parties come away from the madness happy with their day's work.



## Gary Cahill: Pressure is hard on the new boys

GARY Cahill cannot imagine the pressure those breaking into the England team must be feeling given the post-World Cup "doom and gloom".

While they approached the summer more in hope than expectation, few, if any, foresaw Roy Hodgson's side returning home on the back of the Three Lions' worst ever display on the world stage.

That disappointment was underlined on Wednesday when the international friendly against Norway attracted only 40,181 – the lowest attendance for a Wembley international since the stadium's reopening in 2007.

An uninspiring 1-0 win meant it was a tepid start to what has been widely dubbed a new era, with the England's inexperience highlighted by the fact Cahill, pictured below, was the second most-capped player outfield starter.

It was just the Chelsea defender's 28th cap and, while he can understand the national mood, hopes the young players are given time.



"When I made my debut, I came in with loads of really experienced players and now we've young lads making debuts off the back of the summer, which was disappointing for us," Cahill said.

"In terms of pressure, I felt pressure when I made my debut so the pressure those young lads must be under at the minute must be tough with the so-called doom and gloom around.

"I just tell everyone to be patient and support the young lads who are coming in now because it's a difficult time to come in. They've come in and done really well."

Cahill's importance to the team was highlighted on Wednesday by the fact Wayne Rooney handed him in the armband when he was substituted.

That, he insists, does not mean he has been made vice-captain, although the centre-back knows he has an important role to play. "I realise that I am one of the more experienced or older lads in the team now, along with a few others that can pass on experience," Cahill said.

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# Goalies who hit the net

STOKE goalkeeper Asmir Begovic was this week confirmed as a world record holder.

The ex-Pompey shot-stopper's 97.5 yard goal against Saints at The Britannia Stadium last season has been ratified by the Guinness Book of Records as the longest goal in football history, writes **SAM WADDINGTON**.

The previous longest was Tim Howard's 92-yard effort for Everton against Bolton.

Here, the Sports Pink looks back at the five goals that have been scored by goalkeepers in the English Premier League.

**1** Peter Schmeichel became the first goalkeeper to score a goal in the Premier League, for Aston Villa at Everton in the 2001-2002 season. He rifled home a sweet volley in second half stoppage time from a corner in a 3-2 defeat.

(Earlier this year, his son Kasper Schmeichel scored for Leicester against Yeovil in the Championship).



ASMIR BEGOVIC

**2** Brad Friedel was the second keeper to score, for Blackburn at Charlton in the 2003/04 campaign. Friedel, also up for a late corner, netted deep in injury time from the second phase of a corner to claim his side a point.

**3** Paul Robinson scored for Tottenham against Watford in the 2006/07 season. From what seemed like a normal goal kick, the ball took an unexpected high bounce over Ben Foster, who had recently taken the England number 1 jersey off him. The goal helped Spurs win 3-1.

**4** Tim Howard was the fourth keeper to score, for Everton against Bolton in the 2011/12 season. His clearance travelled faster than anticipated, due to the windy weather, and a huge bounce gave his side the lead.

**5** Asmir Begovic put Stoke City ahead against Saints last November after only 13 seconds, when his huge kick bounced over the stranded Artur Boruc in the visitors' goal.

## Non-league Football

**AS a man who has proven himself adept at writing history wherever he has been, Jack Midson perfectly fitted the bill when manager Richard Hill embarked on his summer recruitment drive in advance of Eastleigh's debut season as members of non-league football's top-flight.**

Arriving at the Silverlake Stadium after his release by AFC Wimbledon, Midson was part of that phoenix club's first ever match in the Football League back in August 2011, writes **PAUL McNAMARA**.

On the last day of the following campaign, and on his 100th appearance for the Wombles, the attacker scored the penalty that ensured they would retain their League Two status.

Now, although confessing that it was a wrench to leave Wimbledon after 'the most exciting time of my career', Midson is comfortable with his decision to step back outside of the league in order to link up with a club 'on the up'.

"I wanted to stay in the Football League," he said. "I had a few offers, but they came from clubs that aren't as ambitious as this one - clubs on the way down."

"I'd rather come to a club like this that is on the up and doing the right things."

"I sort of knew what was happening at Wimbledon (concerning his release at the end of last season), whether that was my fault or the manager's fault. I think there's only Sammy Moore left there now, who is one of Terry Brown's (in charge at Kingsmeadow before current boss Neal Ardley) old boys."

"The current manager is trying to bring in his own players, and I think they do have to do that."

"I was disappointed, though,

**I'd rather come to a club like this that is on the up and doing the right things**

because I really enjoyed my time there. The fans were brilliant and I wanted to stay."

"I felt I could have played with the new signings they've made, rather than them replacing me."

"The likes of (Matt) Tubbs and (Adebayo) Akinfenwa - to play with them would be amazing, but it wasn't to be and you move on."

"I had a couple of chats with a few other clubs who didn't have the same ambition as this one. You find that a lot of clubs, when they get promoted into the League, either cut their budget, or keep the same budget and think 'we're happy staying here'."

"They then end up nearly going down, like Wimbledon did."



"Wimbledon were happy just being in there (League Two) and then we nearly stitched ourselves up and went down. Although I've done all right in a relegation battle, I don't want to be in that situation again."

Doing "all right in a relegation battle" involved contributing 13 league goals to his club's 2012/2013 survival cause, most notable of which was

the spot-kick he coolly dispatched with just 18 minutes of the season remaining against Fleetwood Town - the strike which kept AFC Wimbledon afloat, at the expense of Barnet and Aldershot Town.

Midson counts that moment as one of the finest of his career, on a par in fact with another momentous goal he scored earlier in the same season.

In an FA Cup second round tie in December 2012 Wimbledon travelled to MK Dons, for the first meeting between the clubs since an Independent FA commission had, in 2002, controversially given its approval for the original Wimbledon FC to relocate to Milton Keynes.

"The memories of playing against Milton Keynes Dons - the game that

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## HISTORY MAKER:

Eastleigh recruit Jack Midson, and below, his former Oxford United and current Eastleigh team-mate James Constable



should never have been – will stay with me,” he recalled.

“I don’t know all the history behind it, but I have learned a lot about it.

“The passion the fans had about it, I realised this was a rivalry like nothing before. To score in a game like that and play in that fixture with all the media frenzy around it, although we lost (2-1), was amazing

and set me in good stead for other things in the future.”

The fabled domestic knock-out competition also featured large during Midson’s time, between 2008 and 2009, at Histon – a period in his career that he acknowledges ‘was my time to start getting back up into the Conference and heading towards the Football League’.

The attacker’s need to re-climb

ladder came about after he was let go by hometown club Stevenage in 2003 – a rejection that Midson admits initially came as a painful blow.

“I fell out of love with football a little bit when I was released by Stevenage. I started playing at a lower level to rediscover the love of it again, but as you get higher you realise “I’m still all right at it”.

The switch to Histon came after two-and-a-half years with Bishop’s Stortford, and provided Midson with some “great experiences”. He was on the scoresheet 20 times as the village club reached the 2008/09 Conference Premier play-off semi-finals, where they lost to Torquay United.

During what was an exhilarating era for the Cambridgeshire outfit, Midson was also part of the ‘Stutes’ team that beat Leeds United in a pulsating November 2008 FA Cup tie.

The Leeds side included Hull City’s recently acquired £6m midfielder Robert Snodgrass, and Fabian Delph, who won a first full England cap in the national team’s friendly contest with Norway this week.

Inevitably, Histon’s escapades were making people sit up and take notice and, in the summer of 2009, Midson was enticed away by Oxford United.

“We got to a semi-final and I scored 20-plus goals. That put me on the map a bit, and I had a few teams sniffing around.

“I was full-time at Stevenage before (his release), but had had a few knock-backs.

“It was a tough decision to move to Oxford actually, because I was enjoying my time with Histon. Because of our success, though, I realised that a lot of the players were going to be leaving.

“I wanted to go full-time again and owed it to myself to give it a go.”

It was upon moving to Oxford that Midson re-entered the professional ranks, and he agrees that becoming a full-time footballer at the relatively late age of 25 has shaped his attitude to the game.

“I think it has. It gave me good experience and made

## Lampard’s fears for future stars

FRANK Lampard has revealed his fears for England’s future as young stars struggle for first team opportunities in the Premier League.

The Manchester City midfielder, pictured below, is on loan from New York City and feels the influx of top European talent is a major driving force behind the stagnation of home-grown talent.

Lampard, who retired from England duty with 106 caps after the World Cup, reflected on his progression through the ranks at West Ham and believes it is a lot different for English prospects today.

“I made my West Ham debut at 17 and was a regular a year later. If I was the same age now I wouldn’t be anywhere near the Chelsea or Manchester City sides,” he said. “Like the other kids I’d have gone out on loan.”

The 36-year-old, who is Chelsea’s all-time leading goalscorer after spending 13 years at Stamford Bridge, acknowledged that coaching facilities are better than ever but there comes a time when players just need games.

“If it was my boy I’d think about sending him to Chelsea to have the best coaching from eight to 15 and, if possible, then send him

to a club with less resources to try and get him in the first team at 18,” he added.

“Rio Ferdinand and I were fortunate we experienced it at a young age. But the kids these days get lost.

“There’s a stagnant patch where we hear of these good players of 15 and 16 and wonder where they are at 21.”

Lampard highlights Jose McEachran as an example of this after he was widely tipped for big things but was then forced out on loan due to the plethora of top quality midfielders at Chelsea.

“He had his moments but I still think he got a bit downbeat about it,” Lampard said.

“From being talked up he was always having to go out on loan – and where do you go from there? If the door’s shut, it can stay shut.”

However, the seasoned midfielder also thinks young players in this country can often get ahead of themselves to make matters worse.

“Then there’s the fact these young lads have to focus and keep their heads when they start to earn very good money,” he said.



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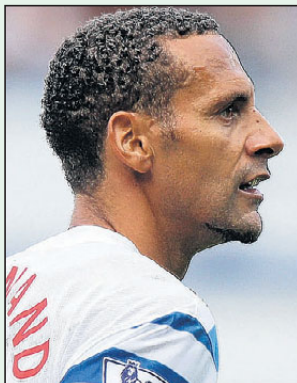
## Ferdinand: England need to find winning formula

**RIO Ferdinand says Roy Hodgson has to find the right formula and get his England players performing at the level they do for their clubs. Hodgson's men were largely uninspiring in Wednesday's 1-0 international win over Norway, when just 40,181 people turned up to watch at Wembley.**

**And QPR defender Ferdinand, who captained England seven times during a 14-year international career which saw him amass 81 caps, believes the responsibility lies with the manager to get them playing at their best.**

**Asked why the country's best players have struggled to reproduce their club form on international duty, Ferdinand looked at the recent past.**

**Managers such as Sven-Goran Eriksson, Fabio Capello and Steve McClaren were unable to inspire the so-called 'golden generation' to major success on the**



**international stage.**

**Established internationals such as John Terry, Steven Gerrard, Frank Lampard and Ferdinand have now all retired from the international game.**

**The 35-year-old, pictured above, said: "Look at the 'golden generation'. Why didn't they succeed? Partly it was down to us - but maybe we weren't set up the right way.**

**"I wouldn't want to play against the current England squad. I'm excited about the frontline - young, hungry talents who should flourish within a system."**

**Ferdinand believes Hodgson has done the right thing giving Wayne Rooney the captain's armband.**

**The Manchester United skipper netted the only goal from the penalty spot in midweek and Ferdinand continued:**

**"We can romanticise about how it was done before but within that squad I think he's the right man.**

**"He wants to leave his mark on the game and he's got an opportunity to do that."**

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me realise how lucky I am, and how important it is to make the most of what you've got."

In his first season with the Kassam Stadium club Midson went one better than he had with Histon in the Conference Premier play-offs, playing in the final at Wembley as the U's beat York to regain the Football League status that they had surrendered in 2006.

It is another day in his storied career that the former Dagenham & Redbridge man recalls with great affection.

"Getting that promotion into the Football League, when I'd worked hard over four or five years to try and get out of the Conference, was huge.

"Being promoted and playing at Wembley has got to be a (career) highlight. There are a lot of top players who don't get to play at Wembley."

Midson spent only one more year with Oxford, a campaign that was broken up by prosperous loan stays at Southend United and Barnet.

Also in the triumphant Wembley Oxford United line-up was James Constable, and his former teammate's presence in the current Eastleigh ranks had an impact when it came to Midson settling upon his next destination, once he knew his time was up at Wimbledon.

"It did. He signed here just before me. We had a good time when we played at Oxford," he remembered.

"We didn't always play as a front two. I sometimes played on the left of a front three, which I've done this year as well.

"I like to play up front. Me and James Constable have played up there together and we're trying to get a partnership together. We'll improve together, as well as individually."

Midson has already shown in his early outings as a Spitfire that he is capable of filling more than just a striking role - and he is content to play wherever his manager asks.

"I have played behind the front, on the left and on the right, and dropped into midfield. It's a compliment when the manager asks me to play there (in midfield), especially towards the end of a game when we're under the cosh or trying to shut up shop to secure a result.

"When I'm asked to drop into midfield, that's the manager trusting me to do a job in there, so I'm more than happy to do it."

True to form, Midson was quickly among the goals in Eastleigh blue and, to date, he has found the net twice in six games.

The 30-year-old, however, doesn't set a personal scoring target for the season.

Midson's personal tally would have totalled three, had his early penalty in last Saturday's game at Macclesfield not been saved by Rhys Taylor.

He will have no hesitation, though, in stepping up again, if required.

"I'd be more than happy to take them. I took about ten at Wimbledon and scored them all.



**ON TARGET:** Jack Midson celebrating a goal with Ben Strevens

## JACK'S LOOKING UPWARDS...

"To come here and the 'keeper save the first one was disappointing, but you have to spur yourself on for the next game.

"I'm sure one of the other lads will step up, but if they don't I'd be more than willing to take another one."

Midson's failure from the spot at the Moss Rose came amidst an uncharacteristically tame Eastleigh display, with Hill's side losing 2-0.

But the start to Conference Premier life for the Spitfires has been a largely positive one, and Midson shares with his colleagues and the club's owners the hope that this adventure into a higher league can attract more supporters.

"I don't think it's any secret that the fan base is not as big as it is at a club like Oxford.

"Stewart (Donald, the club's owner), being an Oxford supporter, will tell you that more than me.

"We played in some massive games at Oxford.

"When we played Luton Town at

our place there were about 12,000 people there.

"The semi-final against Rushden & Diamonds (in the 2010 Conference play-offs) was the same.

"They were matches that didn't belong in the Conference, really.

"The incentive to get the fan base up spurs me and the other players on.

"It doesn't just happen itself. It happens with success. It's up to us to start regularly winning games.

"If we can enjoy some success, be that in the cup or the league, I'm sure the numbers will increase."

The striker, who doesn't consider that he has 'hit one hundred per cent yet', showed his liking for playing in a raucous atmosphere, when he enjoyed a good-natured exchange with some baying opposing fans during the first-half of his most recent outing.

"I always have a bit of banter. It's not losing your discipline. I always try and play with a smile on my face.

"I've played against Macclesfield a number of times in the league, and you get that up there - they're always very vocal. It's all in jest, though.

"Talking about our fans, there weren't thousands up there, but there were still some really loyal fans there and if we can get a few more like that, along with the players and the staff that we have, the club can go far."

How far, and how quickly?

"It's important not to get carried away, because it's a club that's only just been promoted, so to go and target the play-offs again straight away is very tough.

"We have a squad that is more than good enough to be in the top half of the table. Then, if we do get in the play-offs, who knows, anything can happen."

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KELVIN DAVIS	0	0	0	0	292(1)	0	HARRISON REED	0	0	0	0	1(7)	0	EMMANUEL MAYUKA	0	0	0	0	3(10)	1
FRASER FORSTER	3	0	1	0	4	0	MORGAN SCHNEIDERLIN	3	2	0	0	203(31)	12	GRAZIANO PELLE	3	1	1	1	4	2
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KEY: LA: league appearances. LG: league goals. CA: cup appearances. CG: cup goals. CSA: career Saints appearances. CSG: career Saints goals.



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### Town try to sign Brazilian superstar

**BASINGSTOKE** Town made national headline news this week by launching an audacious bid to sign Brazilian star Ronaldinho.

The 34-year-old, whose previous clubs include Barcelona and AC Milan, is currently a free agent after leaving Atletico Mineiro in his homeland.

Representatives from Town have been in contact with Ronaldinho's brother, Roberto De Assis, who also acts as the player's agent, offering him a contract at The Soccer AM Stadium.

Flights to England and accommodation are thought to be included as part of the package. Simon Hood, marketing director of the Vanarama Conference South club, confirmed: "Discussions have been had and there is an offer on the



table. Now it is up to Ronaldinho to decide whether he wants to take us up on it.

"We looked at the free transfer list last week and thought 'wow, why not give it a go?'. You never know, anything's possible in football, I suppose, especially in the luck we had with the stadium being named the Soccer AM Stadium earlier this year."

Two other English clubs are reported to have made bids to sign the forward, who has also attracted interest from Indian teams.

Ronaldinho scored 33 goals in 97 appearances for Brazil and is best known in this country for scoring the goal that knocked England out of the 2002 World Cup, lobbing David Seaman with a long-range free-kick.

## Hythe setting highest standard

**HYTE** & Dibden Youth FC are proudly kicking off the new season as an FA Charter Standard club.

Formed in 1999 from very modest beginnings at Jones Lane, Hythe, the club has gone from strength to strength.

They now boast 21 teams, from under-7s to under-18s, playing in the New Forest, Eastleigh Mini Soccer, Tyro and City of Southampton Youth leagues.

There is also a hugely popular soccer school for children from reception up

to Year 3, leading into the team structure, plus specialist goalkeeper training for all age-groups.

Each spring the club runs a six-a-side tournament over two days. This year's was the biggest and best yet with entries from across the region and many complimentary comments received on such a well organised event.

The club's rate of development has come as a pleasant surprise to all involved, according to committee man and founder Lee Macaecheran.

He said: "When we started it at Jones Lane all those years ago with a few cones and balls, from the onset we knew the club was going to grow, but I think we are all in shock about how big we have become."

After much hard work, the club recently achieved FA Charter Standard.

"This is the FA kite mark which recognises and rewards high quality levels of provision in club and league football."

"It is awarded to clubs that are well run, sustainable and which place child

protection, quality coaching and safety paramount," explained H&DYFC committee man/web administrator/media officer Steve Browne.

"The criteria for this award includes having a trained Child Welfare Officer, CRC checks for all volunteers, First Aid-trained volunteers, Respect programme sign up, appropriate club administration and a minimum FA Level One coach for each team."

Browne added: "The club is growing at a tremendous rate and there is a great

buzz around all involved, from the committee through to coaches and managers and, most importantly, to the youngsters playing the game."

"We promote great football with an emphasis on sportsmanship and enjoyment of the game, but it is about more than just the football and we have a great development environment for all the youngsters."

To find out more about H&DYFC go to the club website at [www.hytheanddibdenyfc.co.uk](http://www.hytheanddibdenyfc.co.uk)

## Penalty decision leaves Poppies boss furious

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**FURIOUS** boss Ken Vaughan ripped into referee Cameron Lucas over the controversial penalty call which sparked Bemerton's FA Cup fightback at Bournemouth Poppies on Tuesday.

Sam Pekun put the Poppies ahead, but the Harlequins hit back to lead 3-1 through Tom Robert's hotly disputed spot kick, Jack Eves and Neil Williams.

Fawzi Saadi got another for the Bournemouth hosts, but it was all in vain as Bemerton won through 3-2 to book a ticket to Winchester City in the first qualifying round next Saturday.

The turning point came when Lucas pointed to the spot for a seemingly innocuous collision between Poppies' Lewis Burgess and Bemerton forward Jack Slade.

An irked Vaughan said: "We started out nicely and played some good football, but the penalty killed us."

"It was never a penalty in a million years. I was absolutely gobs-macked."

"It has to be the worst penalty decision I've seen in my life by far."

"Lewis was just looking at the ball, he was going to head it."

"He (Lucas) said that Lewis had looked at the player and pushed him, but he would have needed eyes in the back of his head. He (Lucas) could try to explain that for a lifetime without convincing me."

"I have been on the end of a few



**FURIOUS:** Bournemouth Poppies manager Ken Vaughan has hit out at referee Cameron Lucas

bad ones and we have got away with a few as well, but this one topped the lot."

Defeat cost Poppies a £1,925 share of the FA Prize Fund and Vaughan admitted: "There was a lot at stake

and I firmly believed the opening goal would put us in control of the game."

"It was all set to turn out that way before the penalty."

"It was a shame because there

wasn't much between the sides. Both had their strengths and weaknesses and it could have gone all the way."

"We did well and I was pleased with every one of the players."



# Non-league Football



**MAN OF THE MOMENT:** AFC Totton striker Craig Feeney, right, has made a stunning start to the season on his return to the Stags.

## FABULOUS FEENEY IS FIT AND FIRING

**MAN-OF-THE-MOMENT** Craig Feeney says he has returned to AFC Totton a stronger player.

The 22-year-old has grown in stature since spending a brief spell with the Stags two seasons ago while dual-signed with Wessex neighbours Totton & Eling.

And already the Fawley-based hitman has the goals to prove it.

After banging in three successive braces to spearhead Totton's rise to the Southern One South & West summit, Feeney found the net yet again in last weekend's 2-0 FA Cup win over Gillingham Town.

Going into today's home game with Stratford he had nine goals banked in his account in just seven games.

Manager Steve Riley has credited Feeney's more powerful physique with improving him as a player and the in-form striker agrees.

"I've put on a stone-and-a-half in 18 months and feel stronger now," he said. "It feels a bit easier playing at this sort of level than it did two years ago."

With an electrical apprenticeship

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to concentrate on with Lymington's Berthon Boat Company, Feeney returned to the Wessex ranks with Blackfield & Langley last season.

But it wasn't the best of learning curves for the bright, young front-runner, who had been tipped for big things during his T&E days after impressing against Weymouth in the FA Cup and enjoying a loan spell with Gosport Borough.

Feeney played 44 Wessex games for Blackfield, scoring 19 goals, but there was upheaval at Gang Warily on and off the pitch and he was often played out of position.

"I played everywhere bar centre-back and goalkeeper," he recalled.

"The squad was depleted through lack of players and I spent most of the season on the wing. I got back to scoring, getting four goals in five games when I went back up front towards the end of the season, but most of the time they wanted me

out wide because we had other players like Nathan Lynch and Jack Satterley up front."

Given all that disruption, it wasn't entirely surprising that Feeney didn't instantly fire when he rejoined Totton during the summer.

"I couldn't hit a barn door in pre-season," he confessed. "Me and Gilly (midfielder Liam Gilbert) weren't completely on the same wavelength then, but now he's finding me with little through balls and Hibbo (Liam Hibberd) at right-back is doing the same."

"We're linking up well together and at training we tend to stay behind a bit to work on movement."

While Feeney was being jack-of-all-trades at Blackfield, Totton's young side were enduring a steep learning curve in the Southern Premier Division having lost most of their senior players last summer due to financial difficulties.

But with those debt-ridden days now behind them following the sale of the Testwood Stadium, the club – and Riley's young team – are flourishing in the Southern One South & West.

Feeney, who is due to finish his apprenticeship any day now, said: "Last year I couldn't do it (play Southern League football) because of work and because of the whole exodus at the club and what was going on."

"But fair play to the lads who stuck around. They went through a tough season last year and now we're getting the benefits."

Feeney says he would like to progress in football – and he's not the only one.

"Everyone's ambitious," he said. "We're all young at Totton and we want to push forward as a unit. We're top of the league at the moment – and we didn't think we'd be there!"

"But we've got a good togetherness and I think that's because we're all in a very similar age-group. I haven't set myself a goal target. Riles (manager Riley) said before the season started that he wanted a goal a game. That's a bit of a tough ask but, with the way things are going, I'm hoping to score a few."

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#### Dos signs Southam

**FORMER** Eastleigh captain Glen Southam is joining ex-Spitfires boss Paul Doswell at Sutton United.

The 34-year-old was released from the Silverlake Stadium during the summer after captaining the side to the Conference South title. He has been with Chelmsford City this season, but Sutton have done a deal which would mean making Us' Lee Sawyer's move to the Clarets permanent at the end of his three-month loan.

Doswell said: "I watched Glen a lot at Eastleigh last season and he's a winner and a leader, which I said recently I thought we were lacking."

"He contacted me during the summer, when I thought we were OK, but since the season started I've decided we weren't so I'm delighted to have signed him."



Sutton, meanwhile, have sent former Poole Town defender Will Spetch out on loan to help him back to match fitness.

A statement issued by the Conference South club said: "Will Spetch, who has not played since last season's play-off game at home to Dover Athletic, has shaken off his injury woes."

"He has joined Steve McKimm at Tonbridge (Angels) for a one-month loan to help speed up his return to full fitness."

Spetch, 22, joined Sutton from Poole in March for an undisclosed fee, reportedly in the region of £5,000-£7,000.

Doswell said: "We haven't seen the best of Will yet as he's been injured almost since the day we signed him. But if he can get through a month at Tonbridge then he should come back to us ready for the first team."

Sutton have made a stuttering start to the Conference South season, losing two and drawing one of their opening five league games.

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### Port need treasurer

**SYDENHAMS Premier Division outfit AFC Portchester are in need of a treasurer.**

Anyone interested in the post should contact chairman Paul Kelly at [paul.kelly@afcporthchester.co.uk](mailto:paul.kelly@afcporthchester.co.uk) giving details of their experience.

### Dean's big night out

**HORNDEN** celebrated last weekend's FA Cup 'giantkilling' at Southern League Cinderford Town with a big night out in Cardiff.

Dave Carter's fast emerging Sydenhams Premier Division side took an early lead in Gloucestershire through Nathan Kirby's diving header and then doubled it through Gary Austin before Cinderford hit back to 2-1.

"We had planned the night out in advance, but it was all the more enjoyable after winning," beamed Carter.

The Deans' reward is an all-Sydenhams Premier home tie against Newport IoW next Saturday (September 13).

### City plan a prom night

**FOLLOWING** the success of their 2013 Last Night Of The Proms event, Winchester City are doing it all over again this year.

The club will be back at Winchester Guildhall on Saturday, October 18, for what will hopefully be another memorable evening of music and entertainment.

To order tickets contact Jane Carley on 07833 475765 or at [commercial@winchestercityfc.co.uk](mailto:commercial@winchestercityfc.co.uk)

### Keeper for Magpies

**A NEW** goalkeeping coach is required by Sydenhams Premier Alresford Town. Club secretary Keith Curtis is the man to get in touch with on 07703 346672.

## Poole sitting pretty in pole position

POOLE Town were in pole position in the Southern Premier Division going into today's trip to Redditch United.

But if they are going to stay there, they will have to do it without key midfielder Steve Devlin who faces a three-match ban.

AFC Bournemouth loan star Josh O'Hanlon bagged his sixth goal in five matches to earn the Dolphins a 1-0 win over Biggleswade Town at Tatnam last Saturday.

But Poole's fifth successive victory came at a price when Devlin was shown a straight red for a poor challenge on Evan Key midway through the second half.

It rules him out of important September league clashes against Arlesey and Weymouth and next Saturday's FA Cup

first qualifying round tie at home to Bradford Town.

Poole boss Tom Killick reflected: "Steve is a competitive lad and goes into challenges at quite a speed.

"If he mistimes one, it can look a little ugly.

"From my point of view, I thought it was unne-

cessary.

"It looked a little high and didn't look a very good tackle.

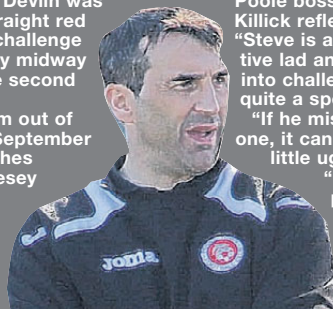
"We have been on the wrong end of these sorts of tackle and have rightfully made a fuss about it, so I think it is important to recognise that it shouldn't happen when we have committed one."

O'Hanlon, who had netted a hat-trick in Poole's 7-0 demolition of Frome the previous Monday, capitalised on an error to

score the only goal of the game after just five minutes.

"Performance-wise, I felt it was on a par with Frome and it is not an exaggeration to say we created as many chances but just didn't convert them," said Killick.

"After the sending off, it looked like it was going to be one of those horrible days when you drop points because you have been wasteful, but we managed to hang on."



# CHARLIE INSPIRES O'HANLON

**LOANEE** Josh O'Hanlon says it's inevitable he will be compared to ex-Poole Town goal-getter Charlie Austin during his time at Tatnam.

O'Hanlon has hit a rich scoring vein since joining the Dolphins from AFC Bournemouth.

It is reminiscent of Austin's impact on the Dorset club before his professional career took off with Swindon Town, Burnley and, now, QPR.

Young Cherries striker O'Hanlon said: "People are going to make these comparisons, but it gives me a little inspiration. "Obviously Charlie's a great player, but I'm just trying to be me.

"Of course it's always nice to have comparisons, especially with what he's done in the game.

"Hopefully I can keep on getting better." Austin netted his first Premier League goal last Saturday in QPR's 1-0 win over Sunderland – six years after he was scoring for the Dolphins in the Sydenhams Wessex League.

O'Hanlon was also on target that day, bagging Poole's only goal of the game against Biggleswade Town in the Southern Premier Division. It was his sixth in seven games for the Dolphins.

"I'm delighted to score another goal for the team," said the 18-year-old Irishman.

"It was a tight game, so the goal proved crucial in the end and obviously going down to ten men (after Steve Devlin's dismissal) isn't ideal.

"I thought we played well, held together and got the result in the end."

Cherries assistant boss Jason Tindall worked alongside manager Ernie Howe when Austin joined Burnley for £1million in January 2011.

He said: "It is not fair to compare Josh with Charlie.

"Charlie scored consistently for Poole and I don't think there were too many strikers in the country with a better ratio than his while he was there.

"It is a great start for Josh but, to get to Charlie's level, you have to do it on a consistent basis.

"Charlie should be an inspiration to Josh to think that if he keeps scoring goals then who knows where it could take him.

"Scoring goals for Poole will do Josh's confidence the world of good and, if he maintains that ratio, he will have a good chance of knocking on the door when he comes back."



**INSPIRATION:** QPR striker Charlie Austin.

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# PROBLEM SOLVED BY TIGER

**WINCHESTER City haven't been blessed with the best of luck in the full-back position this year.**

But co-boss Tim Cole is pleased to have "a little tiger" on the books in the shape of gutsy ex-AFC Totton youth player Adam Tomasso.

Tomasso has been on the City scene for a couple of seasons now, often deployed as a centre-back.

But with right-back Dan Thompson accompanying left-back Danny King on Winchester's long-term injury list, the curly-haired defender is winning over the new management team on the right defensive flank.

"Adam was a centre-back, but now he's playing right-back and he's doing well," said Cole.

"He's a little tiger."

"He defends well and he's a good player with a lot of heart and he never gives the ball away."

"I was aware of him when he

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played youth football and you can tell he's got something about him. He's a natural defender."

Joe Wright, one of several summer signings from Cole's old club Alresford Town, is settling into City's left-back berth.

He and Tomasso have taken up the full-back mantle after confirmation that King will likely miss the rest of this year with a long-standing ankle problem and ex-Christchurch defender Thompson is also out for the foreseeable future.

"Both of them have ankle injuries from last season and both have got to have operations," Cole confirmed.

"I've always rated Dan and Kinger. They're two players who would probably be starting if they were fit."

"But I'm happy with the squad

we've got and, even with the injuries and losing (midfielder) Andy Mott to work commitments, we've got real competition all over the park from goal-keeper through to centre forward."

Winchester went through to the FA Cup first qualifying round last Saturday with a 2-0 victory away at Southern One South & West strugglers Bashley.

Warren Bentley buried a goal in each half to book a home tie against Sydenhams Premier rivals Bemerton Heath Harlequins next Saturday, but it wasn't all one-way traffic.

"We had a lot of chances, especially in the first half, but Bashley had a good 20-minute spell in the second half and we had to dig in before Warren got his second," Cole explained.

"Bashley work hard for each other. I know results have gone against them, but they've only been losing by the odd goal. They've obviously got a hard-working culture down there."



**LITTLE TIGER:**  
Winchester City  
full-back Adam  
Tomasso.

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### Gamble pays off for Town

MARK Gamble took the accolades as Wimborne Town booked a long overdue place in next Saturday's FA Cup first qualifying round.

The former Winchester City and Bashley hitman scored a hat-trick as the ten-man Magpies reached the qualifying stages for the first time in four years with a fiery 3-2 win over visiting St Austell.

At one stage Wimborne were down to nine men with John Blake having been controversially dismissed for a second yellow card on 54 minutes and Patrick Wilson being treated on the touchline for injury before sub Matt Kemble restored the numbers to ten.

The sides went in 1-1 at the break after Gamble's fifth-minute opener had been wiped out by Liam Eddy.

But the perceived injustice of Blake's red card seemed to spur on Wimborne, who were bidding to erase the memories of Cup defeats by Godalming, Fareham Town and Hamworthy United over the past three seasons.

Gamble, right, who had earlier had a goal disallowed, struck again on 74 minutes to put the Cuthbury crew back in front.

St Austell skipper Chris Reski punished some below-par defending to make it 2-2, but man-of-the-match Gamble crowned his hat-trick on 88 minutes, booking the Magpies a ticket to Frome Town next Saturday.

"Mark did what he does best today - score goals," smiled Wimborne boss Steve Cuss.

"It was a fantastic hat-trick."

"We've been looking to progress in the FA Cup for the last few years."

"Today we showed determination in what was a very tough game and we are looking forward to our visit to Frome in the next round."

Of Blake's dismissal, Cuss added: "I had no complaints about the first yellow, but the second was harsh. It was a case of the two players going up for the ball."

"Jon's jump was slightly mistimed and he caught the St Austell player. There was nothing deliberate and, in my mind, it shouldn't have been a yellow card."



## Bentley gives Winch a head start



ONE good Winchester City result was followed by another on Tuesday as a rare Warren Bentley header got the Sydenhams Premier title favourites back to winning ways in the league.

Having slipped up at home to reigning Sydenhams One champions Petersfield a week earlier, City made amends against the other promoted club Andover Town.

They triumphed 2-1 at the Portway Stadium, hot on the heels of their FA Cup

success at Bashley.

When the old Andover FC went under three years ago, it looked as if Andover-Winchester derbies were a thing of the past.

But Town's emergence has rekindled the rivalry, attracting a 226 midweek crowd.

After a goalless first half, Winchester drew first blood when striker Sam Wilson found half a yard of space in the area and stabbed the ball home with his toe. Alex Dockree lev-

elled and City had a let-off when, from a swift counter-attack, Andover's former Winchester striker Nic Turpin volleyed against the post.

The decider came ten minutes from time when Bentley was brought down and a free-kick awarded on the edge of the area. Sub Zach Glasspool delivered and Bentley headed home from inside the six-yard box.

"We were adamant it was a penalty," said Winchester co-boss Danny Robinson.

"Wozza came down the right one-on-one with their left-back and was fouled inside the box, but a free-kick was given. Luckily Zach, who we were trying to keep fresh after playing the last two games, swung a great ball in and Wozza's headed it in."

"It was the first Andover-Winchester game for some time and it was a typical derby."

"I felt we shaded both halves possession-wise, but Andover are a good side."

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### Sports draw the Spitfires

FOLLAND Sports can look forward to a visit from Conference giants Eastleigh in the second round of the Hampshire FA Senior Cup.

The Planemakers came through a tricky home tie against Ringwood Town 3-1 on Tuesday – a match which brought both praise and criticism for the visitors from Follands boss Danny Bowers.

Follands went in 2-1 up at the break, but Bowers said: "If you asked me who was the better side in the first half, I'd have to say them. They were in our face and really up for it, whereas our players were a bit easy-going for my liking."

"I expected Ringwood to come out and really have a go second half, but they didn't play the same way and we got our third goal and could have had a couple more."

"I was disappointed, though, because they had a lad sent off and a few booked and it became a bit of a kicking match."

"We've already got players out and I made changes because I was worried about people getting injured. It was foul after foul in the second half."

"We're through to the next round, which is good, but Mike Turvey can barely walk and Jamie Barron and Ryan Fuller have taken whacks on the ankle."

Turvey scored both Follands' first-half goals and James Roden got the third after Callum Brockway had headed a corner back across goal.

### Crunch time for Salisbury

SALISBURY City were this week given a fortnight to resolve their financial difficulties and avoid being wound up.

The crisis-hit Wiltshire club were ordered on Monday to find £14,000 to settle debts with HM Revenue & Customs.

City have been plagued by off-field issues throughout the summer and currently have no league to play in.

They were demoted one division to the Conference South in June for failing to pay outstanding debts and were thrown out of the Conference altogether two weeks later having missed a second deadline.

An appeal against the club's demotion was subsequently dismissed by the Football Association and their application to join the Sydenhams Wessex League was rejected.



RICHARD HILL

## Eastleigh boss Hill's

RICHARD Hill "has sympathy" for Vanarama Conference referees because they are part-time officials working in a pressurised, full-time environment.

Following promotion from the Conference South, Hill's newly-promoted Eastleigh are working hard to adapt to what Hill describes as the "high-stakes" world of non-League's elite.

But whereas the Spitfires are fast approaching full-time status, training in the daytime three times a week, Hill believes match officials are lagging behind through no

fault of their own.

He said: "We're at a level where, for 90 per cent of the people involved, it's their full-time job and there's a lot at stake."

"And this is where I have sympathy for referees because they're not full-time. "Until we have a system in English football where referees at all levels are full-time and get relevant training every day of the week, like footballers do, we are always going to have problems."

While Hill conceded that his players' performance was "probably worse" than that of

referee Robert Jones in last Saturday's 2-0 defeat at Macclesfield, he observed that his side "weren't really allowed to play" by the officials and claimed Spitfires forward James Constable had been short-changed in the free-kick department all season.

He felt the game should have been stopped for a free-kick to Eastleigh in the build-up to Macclesfield's second goal and was bemused to have a handball shout dismissed on the basis that the offending Macc player had been "trying to pull his arm

away". "It (the result) wasn't down to the referee. It was a toss-up – and we were probably worse than him," Hill conceded.

"We can't use the refereeing as an excuse, but as an observation – not a criticism – I don't think we've been allowed to play."

"Years ago you'd watch the Premier League and think 'ref, that's a terrible decision' but, by comparison, decisions are a lot better at the higher level now because refereeing is their only job."

"It should be the same in the Conference and above."



DANNY BOWERS

## Youthful bounty for Sports boss

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**WHEN an injury crisis kicks in, there's nothing more comforting for a manager than knowing he has quality in reserve.**

And Folland Sports boss Danny Bowers is certainly grateful for the day that the Planemakers introduced Glyn Cherrett to the club.

Together with Steve Lucas, Cherrett ran Winchester City's under-17s two seasons ago and brought the squad across lock, stock and barrel last summer to form a new, youthful reserve side.

Last season striker Jamie Betteridge was the pick of the young Follands crop, scoring 12 goals in 27 appearances on arrival to the Sydenhams Premier arena.

Now Matt Casey, 17-year-old brother of Winchester City goalkeeper Ross, will be hoping to make a similar impression after being handed his midfield debut in last Saturday's 4-1 FA Cup preliminary round victory at AFC Portchester.

Manager Danny Bowers said: "Matt had only made one appearance for our reserves, but I'd watched him play and he looked a real little livewire."

"It was nice to have another new, young face in the side and well done to Glyn Cherrett for bringing another one through."

"We also gave a debut off the bench to young left-back Matt Hubbard after making three changes to give people a run-out."

"Richard Gregory and Jamie Betteridge both went close to scoring and, unfortunately for Matt, he gave away a silly foul to give away a penalty to Portchester right at the end."

By then it was academic, however. Elliot Ward's successful spot kick was scant consolation for Portchester who were already four goals down thanks to a brace apiece from Ashley Jarvis and Follands' skipper Jamie Barron.

It was an emphatic result for the Planemakers, made all the more pleasing considering the number

of players they had out.

Summer signing Stuart Gates had been on the brink of a return before injuring his other ankle playing for the reserves, while defender Jimmy Vinton's work commitments have gone on longer than expected.

Rhys Evans has been struggling with his ankle and suspended pair Jake Long and Will Harris were serving the last of their three-match bans.

In their absence Bowers switched James Roden to central midfield and played former Sholing reserve player Callum Brockway at centre-half.

"Callum had been a bit indifferent, but he asked when he was going to get his chance and he came in and did very well. He and young Matt Casey were tremendous," said the boss.

Follands have had two players leave the club with ex-Eastleigh reserve forward Alex Easton joining Portchester and Pip Nolan also upping sticks.

Bowers was unsure where Nolan would resurface, but said of Easton: "He's moved on because he was finding it hard to get in the side with Ryan Long, Mike Turvey and Ashley Jarvis all in front of him. And with Jamie Betteridge getting his nose ahead of him as well, he'd dropped down the pecking order."

"Alex is a lovely lad and I just hope he gets games at Portchester."

Next up for Follands in the FA Cup is a September 13 trip to Bristol-based Longwell Green Sports, who crushed Fareham Town 3-0 at Cams Alders.

"They've got to be half decent because Fareham are no mugs at home," said Bowers.

"It's going to be tough, but hopefully we'll have everyone back by then."

"It's a bit of a rollercoaster at the moment where the squad's so small and we're just trying to get everyone together."

"When we had that 18-game (unbeaten) run last season, we had the same team game after game, but this season we've not started the same team once."

"One minute we're up, the next we're down. We just can't get any continuity going because it's one thing after another."

"But we'll keep going and try and get everyone back. The good thing is that the league's still pretty open. There doesn't seem to be one team flying away at the moment."



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## sympathy for league refs

"I believe there's enough money at our level to have a selected group of full-time referees."

"Myself and the players go back to training on a Monday morning and do DVD analysis of Saturday's game and referees should be doing the same, but they can't because they have to go to work."

"Fancy having to do a day's work and then go training, possibly on your own."

"By the time they watch the DVD they're probably nodding off and some days they probably don't feel like it."

"I'm not saying refs at our

level don't train and don't analyse DVDs, I'm saying they should be doing it full-time. Hampshire refs should meet up with Berkshire refs on a Monday, train together and then sit down and analyse the DVD the next day."

"Refereeing standards would be better if they were constantly being taught and having their fitness levels monitored."

"I've spoken to a lot of referees on the subject and I do have sympathy for them."

If full-time officials were introduced at Conference level, Hill would favour a sys-

tem of promotion and relegation to keep standards high.

"If they got promoted they'd earn more and if they got relegated they'd take a drop in salary," he said.

"If I get relegated I lose my job. I'm not saying refs should lose theirs, but the recompense should be comparable (to how they perform)."

Eastleigh missed a golden opportunity to seize an early lead at Macclesfield when Jack Midson had an eighth-minute penalty saved after Macc's George Pilkington had fouled Jai Reason.

The unbeaten Silkmen hit

them twice with headers – Domaine Rouse scoring on his home debut before 19-year-old Paul Lewis punished poor marking from a free-kick awarded against Ben Strevens who, Hill insists, had himself been fouled moments earlier.

"We didn't mark well enough after that, but we should have had a free-kick ourselves ten seconds earlier for a blatant foul on Strevens in the middle of the pitch," Hill observed.

"But we've conceded two poor goals – one from a cross and the other from a

set-piece and we should have defended far better."

With regards to team discipline, Hill added: "There were a couple instances on Saturday that showed why we got a bit aggrieved."

"For the handball, for example, it doesn't matter if a player is pulling his arm out of the way or not, it's still handball."

"That said, I felt we lost our discipline a bit when we were in adversity."

"Losing your discipline in instances like that does make it easier for the ref to give decisions against you."

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### Cup magic wears off quickly for Newport

**NEWPORT** IoW's FA Cup feel-good factor was short-lived.

Saturday hero Liam Triggs was one of two players sent off as Steve Brougham's men lost a bad-tempered Hampshire FA Senior Cup derby 5-0 against neighbours Cowes Sports on Tuesday. Port went down to ten men on 15 minutes when Triggs saw red for an alleged head butt.

Seven minutes later Charlie Smeeton was cautioned for throwing the ball down in disgust.

With tempers fraying, Smeeton scythed down a Cowes player a minute later and duly got a second yellow, reducing Port to nine and sparking a mass melee by the dugout.

Cowes cashed in on their numerical advantage through Joe Adams (penalty), Ryan Gregory, John McKie, Enrique Villar and Jordan Browne.

Commenting on Port's official website afterwards, Brougham said: "I haven't got a lot to say other than I'm disappointed with the whole situation."

"It all started with the first red card, then we had the second one and, at that point, it was game over."

"I just wanted the game to finish at that point, no injuries, damage limitation. "Fair play to Cowes, they played well, but it would have been an even game, it would have been a tight game, but you don't need to have people sent off."

For Cowes, the result made up for Saturday's disappointing 1-0 FA Cup exit at home to Southern League Yate Town – the club that knocked them out of the competition at the same stage last year.

Lewis Haldane, who recently scored a league hat-trick at Sholing, plundered Yate's winner.

# PAT TIPPING THE MONEY MEN TO BE TOP DOGS

**BROCKENHURST boss Pat McManus reckons Moneyfields are destined for a top-three finish in the Sydenhams Premier Division.**

Brock travelled to Dover Road as surprise league leaders last Saturday after winning five of their opening seven games.

But, come the final whistle, it was Miles Rutherford's magnificent Moneys who were sitting top of the pile after crushing the New Forest visitors 5-1.

Steve Hutchings got victory under way with a quick-fire double, added to by manager's son Alfie Rutherford, Stuart Green and Jack Lee.

Brad Magookin netted Brock's late reply.

"Moneyfields are absolutely a top-three side," said McManus, pictured, afterwards.

"Steve Hutchings is a good player and if you don't cope with him properly, then you don't cope with Moneyfields properly."

Asked if he views ex-AFC Bournemouth and Havant & Waterlooville marksman Hutchings as the best striker in the league, McManus added: "He's certainly the best at what he does."

"He scored twice against us and he should have scored more. The game could easily have finished 10-3."

"Moneyfields scored five, but they also created and squandered a lot of chances."

Having said all that, McManus felt Brock were partial creators of their own downfall.

"Moneyfields were good, but we weren't," admitted the Grigg Lane boss.

"We were three down at half-time and we

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identified what we needed to do to get better, but we didn't go out and do it.

"We didn't display what we've done against other teams in the league."

"Against a side that's effectively top three, we can't afford for four or five of our players not to play well, but that's what happened."

"Our squad is wafer thin, which we're trying to address, and we couldn't make changes to affect the game."

"Moneys' fourth goal very early in the second half took the wind out of our sails and it quickly went to 5-0. I'd like to have gone home then!"

Although Brock had banged in six in their previous game against rock-bottom Totton & Eling, the fact they also let in three had bothered McManus in the build-up to the Moneyfields trip.

"No disrespect, but if you concede three against Totton & Eling, the chances are you're going to concede goals to Moneyfields if you don't put right what went wrong," he said.

"There are certain ways we can't afford to defend, but some of that gets lost in the long grass when you've won a game 6-3."

"People look at the six goals scored, but the first thing I want to talk about is the three conceded and that doesn't always go down well."



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## Advanced fixtures

**Sunday, September 7**  
**EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**Qualifying Group D:** Georgia v Rep of Ireland, Germany v Scotland, Gibraltar v Poland.  
**Qualifying Group F:** Faroe Islands v Finland, Greece v Romania, Hungary v Northern Ireland.  
**Qualifying Group I:** Denmark v Armenia, Portugal v Albania.  
**SKY BET LEAGUE**  
**League 2:** Burton Albion v Portsmouth.

**Monday, September 8**  
**EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**Qualifying Group C:** Luxembourg v Belarus, Spain v FYR Macedonia, Ukraine v Slovakia.  
**Qualifying Group E:** Estonia v Slovenia, San Marino v Lithuania, Switzerland v England.  
**Qualifying Group G:** Austria v Sweden, Montenegro v Moldova, Russia v Liechtenstein.  
**EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**Qualifying Group Three:** Luxembourg U21 v Scotland U21.  
**SKY BET LEAGUE**  
**League 2:** Newport County v Cambridge Utd.

**SOUTHERN FOOTBALL LEAGUE**  
**Premier Division:** Redditch v Cirencester.

**Tuesday, September 9**  
**EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**Qualifying Group A:** Czech Republic v Holland, Iceland v Turkey, Kazakhstan v Latvia.

**Qualifying Group B:** Andorra v Wales, Bosnia-Herzegovina v Cyprus.  
**Qualifying Group H:** Azerbaijan v Bulgaria, Croatia v Mali, Norway v Italy.

**EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**Qualifying Group One:** Finland U21 v San Marino U21, Lithuania U21 v Wales U21, Moldova U21 v England U21.

**VANARAMA FOOTBALL CONFERENCE**  
**Premier:** Aldershot v Woking, Alfreton v Altrincham, Bristol Rovers v Wrexham, Biggleswade v Burnham, Chesham v Hitchin, Chippenham v Weymouth, Dorchester v Truro, Dunstable v Arlesey, Hungerford v Banbury, Paulton v Hereford, Poole Town v Slough, St Neots v Histon.

**Division One South & West:** Bishops Cleeve v Cinderford, Bridgwater v Taunton, Clevedon v Bashley, Evesham v Didcot, Stratford v Wantage, Swindon Supermarine v Larkhall, Tiverton v Mangotsfield, Yate v Wimbome.

**SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE**  
**Premier Division:** Hamworthy Utd v Fareham, Hordean v Brockenhurst, Lymington Town v Winchester City, Newport IoW v AFC Portchester, Totton & Eling v Andover Town.

**HAMPSHIRE SENIOR CUP**  
**First round:** Hartley Wintney v Andover New Street, Petersfield Town v Bournemouth Poppies, Tadley Calvea v Alesford Town.

**PUMA ENGINEERING HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE**  
**Premier Division:** Stockbridge v Fleetlands.

**WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE**  
**Division One East:** Folland Sports v Hordean.

**Wednesday, September 10**  
**VANARAMA FOOTBALL CONFERENCE**  
**Premier Division:** Dover Athletic v Barnet (BT Sport).

**SOUTHERN FOOTBALL LEAGUE**  
**Premier Division:** Cambridge City v Corby.  
**Division One South & West:** North Leigh v AFC Totton, Sholing v Fleet Town.

**SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE**  
**Premier Division:** Christchurch v Folland Sports, Fawley AFC v Bemerton HH.

**PUMA ENGINEERING HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE**  
**Premier Division:** Locks Heath v Overton.

**WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE**  
**Wyvern Shield, League phase:** A Bashley v Dorchester Town, A Downton v Ringwood, D Lymington Town v Winchester

City, C Moneyfields v Newport IoW.

**Thursday, September 11**  
**SOUTHAMPTON SENIOR CUP**  
**First round:** AFC Totton Res v Hedge End Rangers Res.

**Saturday, September 13**  
**BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE**  
 Arsenal v Man City, Chelsea v Swansea, Crystal Palace v Burnley, Liverpool v Aston Villa, Southampton v Newcastle, Stoke v Leicester, Sunderland v Tottenham Hotspur, West Brom v Everton.

**SKY BET LEAGUE**  
**Championship:** Birmingham v Leeds, Blackburn v Wigan, Blackpool v Wolverhampton, Bolton v Sheff Wed, Bournemouth v Rotherham, Brentford v Brighton, Cardiff v Norwich, Charlton v Watford, Huddersfield v Middlesbrough, Ipswich v Millwall, Reading v Fulham.

**League 1:** Barnsley v Milton Keynes Dons, Bradford v Swindon, Bristol City v Doncaster, Chesterfield v Scunthorpe, Coventry v Yeovil, Crawley Town v Fleetwood Town, Crewe v Port Vale, Leyton Orient v Colchester, Oldham v Gillingham, Peterborough v Notts County, Sheff Utd v Rochdale, Walsall v Preston.

**League 2:** Accrington Stanley v AFC Wimbledon, Burton Albion v York, Carlisle v Bury, Dag & Red v Cambridge Utd, Exeter v Oxford Utd, Hartlepool v Tranmere, Luton v Cheltenham, Morecambe v Plymouth, Newport County v Northampton, Southend v Portsmouth, Stevenage v Shrewsbury, Wycombe v Mansfield.

**VANARAMA FOOTBALL CONFERENCE**  
**Premier Division:** AFC Telford v Barnet, Altrincham v Eastleigh, Braintree v Kidderminster, Dover v Macclesfield, Forest Green Rovers v FC Halifax, Gateshead v Darford, Grimsby v Torquay, Lincoln v Bristol Rovers, Nuneaton v Aldershot, Southport v Alfreton, Woking v Chester, Wrexham v Welling.

**FA CUP**  
**First qualifying round:** (local ties) AFC Totton v Swindon Supermarine, Blackfield & Langley v Sherborne Town, Frome Town v Wimborne Town, Hordean v Newport IoW, Longwell Green Sports v Folland Sports, Mangotsfield Utd v Weymouth, Poole Town v Bradford Town, Sholing v Chippenham Town, Winchester City v Bemerton Heath Harlequins, Yate Town v Dorchester Town.

**SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE**  
**Premier Division:** Andover Town v Moneyfields, Brockenhurst v Alesford Town, Lymington Town v Petersfield, Totton & Eling v Christchurch, Whitchurch v Hamworthy Utd.

**Division One:** Amesbury v Cowes Sports, Andover NS v Team Solent, Downton v East Cowes Vics, New Milton v Pewsey Vale, Ringwood Town v US Portsmouth, Romsey v Fleet Spurs, Tadley Calvea v Hythe & Dibden.

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**Premier Division:** Overton v Paulsgrove.

**Division One:** Broughton v Lyndhurst.

**Combination:** Hamble Club v Clanfield, Headley Utd v Fleetlands, Hedge End Rangers v Otterbourne, Liss v Liphook, Paulsgrove v Overton, QK Southampton v AFC Stoneham, Winchester Castle v Michelmersh & Timsbury.

**WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE**  
**Premier Division:** Petersfield v Bemerton HH.

**Division One West:** East Cowes Vics v Romsey, Fawley AFC v Verwood.

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**Wyvern Shield, Group B, first round:** Fareham Town v AFC Totton.

**Wyvern Shield, Group C, first round:** US Portsmouth v Blackfield & Langley.

**Wyvern Shield, Group D, first round:** Hythe & Dibden v Wimbome, Team Solent v Folland Sports.

# Super subs set up cup classic

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**NEWPORT IoW had more than one 'super sub' to thank for firing them through to the FA Cup first qualifying round.**

All three players brought off the bench had a hand in their 5-2 victory over Winterbourne United at St George's Park.

Having seen Scott Jones' 12th-minute opener wiped out by Ashley McGrane, manager Steve Brougham pulled off a masterstroke by introducing Aidan Sainsbury and Liam Triggs on 55 minutes in place of Iain Seabrook and Tom Scovell.

Sainsbury restored the lead with a 25-yard free-kick and then played through the livewire Triggs to make it 3-1.

And it was Port's third substitute Freddie Knowles who plundered their fourth and fifth, sandwiching his efforts around Alex Monks' reply.

Brougham, who leads his side to Hordean in the next Saturday, revealed: "I wasn't too happy at half-time as I felt we gave Winterbourne something to fight for, but I'm not going to knock the players.

"I asked them to be honest at half-time as it was a flat first-half, which it shouldn't have been.

"I thought that once we got the first goal we were going to be fine, but we gave such a soft goal away and let them back into the game. To be fair I couldn't wait for half-time to come - and we needed it."

On his inspired substitutions, the Port boss added: "I've always said that this season is all about the 'squad' - it's a squad game.

"Everybody could probably see that one or two players were slightly off their game today, so we've put one or two fresh legs on.

"Obviously Liam and Aidan have come on and also Freddie at the end and they all got goals as well, so that's positive.

"It also keeps people on their toes. It's no good picking the same 11 week in, week out, because people will need a rest here and there.

"Players need competition to keep them sharp. Players have just got to accept that there will be times during the season when they're going to get taken off or they're going to be on the



**ON TARGET:** Liam Triggs came off the bench to score for Newport.

bench because you have to rotate." Brougham reserved particular praise for summer signing Triggs, described on the Port website as: "One of the brightest and most promising youngsters to arrive at the club in recent years."

The boss said of the former Pompey youngster: "Liam Triggs came on

today and I tell you, his energy is vital. You need that energy in the team.

"The good thing about Liam is that he can play anywhere in the team, at centre-back, wing-back, midfield...but it's his energy and, for me, one or two are just lacking energy at the moment."

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# Saints Spotlight



## Sports Quiz

1. Peter Odemwingie joined Stoke from which club in January this year?
2. Which Somerset town does Jenson Button come from?
3. Which cycling team do the Yates brothers ride for?
4. Which non-league club has attempted to sign Ronaldinho this week?
5. Which NBA team does Luol Deng play for?
6. Which is the only Grand Slam singles title world number one Novak Djokovic has not yet won?
7. Which rugby player is the highest points scorer in Test history?
8. Former Great Britain and England captain Jamie Peacock started his professional rugby league career at which club before switching to Leeds in 2006?
9. Hannah Whelan represents Great Britain at which sport?
10. Which member of the US Ryder Cup team has the highest world ranking ahead of the tournament at Gleneagles?
11. Before joining Aston Villa, what three clubs had Tom Cleverley played for on loan from Manchester United?
12. In which city is the final of the 2015 Cricket World Cup due to be held?
13. To whom did Caroline Wozniacki lose in her only appearance in a grand slam final?
14. From which club did Everton sign John Stones?
15. The NBA team known as the Hawks are based in which state?
16. Which Argentinian club has Radamel Falcao played for?
17. Who was the last German winner of a tennis grand slam singles title?
18. Who were the respective team captains when America last won the Ryder Cup in 2008?
19. James Hildreth plays for which cricket county?
20. Kevin Magnussen drives for which Formula One team?

Answers: 1. Cardiff; 2. Frome; 3. Orke-Greenedde; 4. Basingstoke Town; 5. The Miami Heat; 6 French Open; 7 Dan Carter; 8 Bradford; 9 Gymnastics; 10 Jim Furyk; 11. Leicester, Watford, Wigan; 12. US Open final in 2009; 13. Kim Clijsters (in the Barnsley; 15. Georgia; 16 River Plate; 17 Steffi Graf (1999); 18 Nick Faldo (Europe) and Paul Azinger (USA); 19 Somerset; 20 McLaren.

# SAINTS' HISTORY OF

## SAINTS this week completed a record breaking transfer window.

Never before had they spent so much as they did in the summer 2014 window, and never before had they banked so much money from selling top players.

In all, they splashed out almost £60m on replacing the likes of Rickie Lambert, Adam Lallana, Luke Shaw, Dejan Lovren and Calum Chambers.

Selling those five players saw Saints collect almost £90m.

The first ever transfer window was introduced in January 2003, brought in by FIFA.

Here, Adam Leitch looks back at all Saints' transfer windows.

Some were considerably more successful than others ...

### January 2003

The first January transfer window was a fairly quiet time for Saints – mainly because they were doing so well.

The club were on course for an eighth placed finish under Gordon Strachan, and an FA Cup final place to boot.

Saints certainly weren't resting on their laurels, though, and paid out a combined £4m for Danny Higginbotham and David Prutton to boost their squad for the remainder of the season.

At £2.5m, Prutton was one of Saints' most expensive ever signings at the time.

There were a few fringe players who left on free transfers.

One of those was Andrei Kanchelskis, with the former Manchester United winger having a very brief stop at the club.

#### In

Danny Higginbotham (Derby) ... £1.5m  
David Prutton Nottm Forest ... £2.5m

Total: ..... £4m

#### Out

Imants Bleidelis (Viborg) ..... free  
Neil Moss (Bournemouth) ..... free  
Andrei Kanchelskis (Al-Hilal) .... free

Total ..... £0

### Summer 2003

It was a summer of change at Saints, and one that set the tone for the immediate future.

After a fantastic season and trip to the Millennium Stadium for the FA Cup final, optimism was high around St Mary's.

However, the sale of Wayne Bridge to Chelsea for £7m did go some way to dent that.

It led many supporters to questions the club's ambitions, even with Graeme Le Saux coming in as a replacement.

Saints did reinvest some of the money, with the most substantial deal being the £3.25m to bring in



## Saints shop with success and some spectacular failures...



**SIGNINGS:** Danny Higginbotham, left, joined Saints in 2003 and Dexter Blackstock, right, in 2004.

Kevin Phillips.

That made him Saints' second most expensive signing of all time, after the £4.1m arrival of Rory Delap in the summer of 2001.

Saints also splashed out £1.5m on Neil McCann and paid fees for Dexter Blackstock, Fitz Hall and Yoann Folly as they boosted their youth ranks, while Leandre Griffit and Darren Kenton also arrived at the club.

In terms of other outgoings, there were free transfers for Kevin Davies, Brian Howard and Paul Williams.

Davies joined Sam Allardyce's

Bolton and remained a key member of their Premier League team for a decade, winning an England cap in his 30s.

There was little doubt that Saints' squad had some extra depth, but fans were still on edge.

#### In

Darren Kenton (Norwich) ..... free  
Leandre Griffit (Amiens) ..... nominal  
Dexter Blackstock (Oxford) ... £275,000  
Fitz Hall (Oldham) ..... £250,000  
Yoann Folly (St Etienne) ..... £250,000  
Neil McCann (Rangers) ..... £1.5m  
Kevin Phillips (Sunderland) ... £3.25m

Total: ..... £5.625m

#### Out

Wayne Bridge (Chelsea) ..... £7m  
Kevin Davies (Bolton) ..... free  
Brian Howard (Swindon) ..... free  
Paul Williams (Stoke) ..... free

Total ..... £7m

Overall, Saints spent £2.6m more on signing players in the year than they did from selling Wayne Bridge.

2003 total



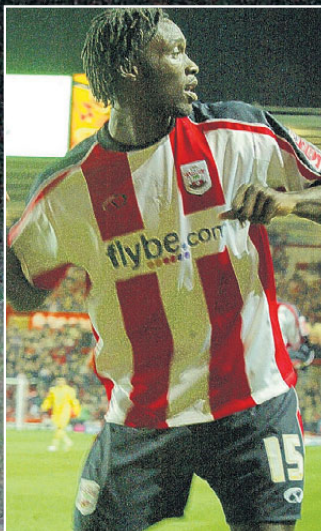
## Saints Spotlight

## WINDOW SHOPPING



**EARLY SIGNING:** David Prutton joined Saints in the 2003 transfer window. This year's window saw Rickie Lambert and Dejan Lovren (left top) leave the club.

**RIGHT:** Kenwyne Jones joined Saints in 2004.



vulnerable at the back, while record signing Agustin Delgado's controversial time at the club finally came to an end.

Stephen Crainey also departed having failed to make an impact.

**In**

Jelle van Damme (Ajax) ..... £2.5m  
Kenwyne Jones (W-Connection) £150,000  
Peter Crouch (Aston Villa) ..... £2m  
Mikael Nilsson (Halmstads) .. £500,000  
Alledine Yahia (Guingamp) .. £350,000  
Andreas Jakobsson (Brondby) ... £1m

**Total** ..... £6.5m

**Out**

Agustin Delgado (Aucas) ..... free  
Stephen Hunt (Colchester) ..... free  
Jamie Gleeson (Kidderminster) ... free  
Stephen Crainey (Leeds) ..... £200,000  
Fitz Hall (C Palace) ..... £1.5m

**Total** ..... £1.7m

Saints spent £5.3m more on signing players in 2004 than they brought in from selling them.

**2004 total**

Spent ..... £7.25m  
Received ..... £1.95m

**Profit/loss** ..... LOSS £5.3m

**January 2005**

This always looked like being a decisive transfer window for Saints.

Sturrock had departed early in the season, and Steve Wigley had also come and gone.

Harry Redknapp, the great wheeler and dealer in the transfer market, was now in charge and facing a massive battle to retain the club's Premier League status.

Things were looking bleak.

With star striker James Beattie sold for £6m to Everton, there was further bad news.

Redknapp signed his son Jamie, Nigel Quashie and Olivier Bernard in a bid to build a team capable of staying up.

**In**

Jamie Redknapp (Tottenham) .... free  
Nigel Quashie (Portsmouth) .... £2.1m  
Olivier Bernard (Newcastle) .. £400,000

**Total** ..... £2.5m

**Out**

James Beattie (Everton) ..... £6m

**Total** ..... £6m

**Summer 2005**

Saints and Redknapp failed to keep Saints up, and the club were facing up to life in the second tier of English football after 27 years in the top flight.

It was inevitable, therefore, that would be a big turnover of players.

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## Scholes: Rooney should play in midfield

**WAYNE** Rooney should play in midfield for England against Switzerland, according to former Manchester United teammate Paul Scholes.

Rooney captained his country for the first time in the 1-0 friendly defeat of Norway at Wembley, where he led the line and scored the only goal from the penalty spot in what was an uninspiring performance from Roy Hodgson's team on Wednesday night.

England have Danny Welbeck, Daniel Sturridge and Raheem Sterling available to choose from up front and Scholes thinks that moving Rooney,

right, back into midfield could reap dividends in the Euro 2016 qualifier against the Swiss on Monday.

"It is quite obvious to me that we do not have a midfielder with the range of passing to exploit these three attacking players," Scholes said.

"It is a radical solution, and one I would propose just for the Switzerland qualifier on Monday, but I would play Wayne Rooney in midfield.

"This is not an argument to say that Wayne is not a top striker. His record says that he is and in an ideal world, I would have two Waynes: one to hit those passes from deep and another to get on the end of them.

"He is the best passer in the team and he can play that role better than anyone."

Scholes thinks the 28-year-old is perfect for a more central role due to his vision.

He added: "One thing you can be sure about Wayne is he is not bothered about taking risks. If he saw the pass was on he would hit it. "The absence of a specialist midfielder capable of passing the ball with flair concerns me."



Spent ..... £9.625m  
Banked ..... £7m

**Profit/loss** ..... LOSS £2.625m

**January 2004**

Gordon Strachan's last Saints transfer window was a somewhat mooted affair.

With the manager's future still at that point seemingly up in the air, and the team unable to live up to the massive expectations of the previous season, it was a quiet time.

Only goalkeeper Paul Smith and left back Stephen Crainey arrived, while Paul Jones departed along with FA Cup final hero Chris Marsden, who had quickly found himself struggling to hold down a regular place in the team.

**In**

Paul Smith (Brentford) ..... £500,000  
Stephen Crainey (Celtic) ..... £250,000

**Total** ..... £750,000

**Out**

Paul Jones (Wolves) ..... £250,000

Chris Marsden (Pusan Icons) .... free  
Garry Monk (Barnsley) ..... free

**Total** ..... £250,000

**Summer 2004**

With Strachan having departed, it was a chance for new manager Paul Sturrock to make his mark.

Saints splashed out £6.5m bringing in the likes of Jelle van Damme, Kenwyne Jones and Peter Crouch.

There was, however, consternation at the sale of Fitz Hall to Crystal Palace which left Saints



# Saints Spotlight

## Defending is key for Southgate

GARETH Southgate insists England must not lose the art of defending for the sake of sharper passing.

The England Under-21 manager believes academies must strike a balance between technique and toughness.

Southgate takes his side to Moldova on Tuesday in their final Euro 2015 qualifiers.

He is without ex-Saint Calum Chambers and John Stones, who played in the senior England team's 1-0 win over Norway on Wednesday.

Liverpool's Jon Flanagan and Manchester United's Luke Shaw are injured while Tottenham new boy Eric Dier pulled out of Southgate's squad with a muscle problem.

Despite their rapid progression, the former England, Aston Villa and Middlesbrough centre-back said there must be a balance between brawn and brain.

"Our academies are focusing a lot more on technique and encouraging players to play from the back," said Southgate.

"If you watch our sessions they are all able to use the ball - although we probably have to work a bit more on defending in terms of the academy system.

"We've almost gone from tough lads who can fight and now the emphasis is about playing out.

"Maybe we've lost a bit of the balance and need a happy medium of learning both."

And Southgate, right, wants the young defenders to be given time to develop and believes they will still make mistakes in the Barclays Premier League.

"It's not so often you get a Tony Adams who goes into a big club at 21, or a John Terry, who goes in and stays there," he said.

"Look at defences who are successful and the profile of their teams is they are 25, 26 or 27 years old because they need three or four years of making mistakes and playing in big matches.

"The great thing for Calum, John Stones and Luke Shaw is they have all got a chance of playing European football, Raheem Sterling is the same. That's significant because the top teams have that big match experience.

"They are young, English, at clubs in Europe and have the right mentality.

"They are with the seniors now, they might not be forever and may be back with us for a spell but they are all really good characters."

England have already qualified for the play-offs as they are six points clear in Group One with a vastly superior goal difference to second-placed Moldova.

But Southgate dismissed suggestions they would be undercooked going into the play-offs to reach next year's tournament in the Czech Republic.

He said: "Only Portugal are through like us and we are talking about maintaining our standards, about what's needed for an elite team. The players are recognising what's needed to be a top player."



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Top scorer and player of the season Peter Crouch was the major sale for £7m, while strike partner Kevin Phillips also departed for £1m.

As well as a few players who contributed very little departing, there was also an older generation going with the likes of Jason Dodd, Anders Svensson, Jo Tessem and Fabrice Fernandes, all reminders of the glory years, also leaving.

Saints were certainly shopping in the bargain bin to try and build a Championship side.

They only paid out for Redknapp's former Portsmouth forward Ricardo Fuller, spending £90,000 on the striker.

Everybody else was acquired on free transfers as Saints attempted to balance the books the financial pain of relegation only partially softened by a £6.5m parachute payment.

### In

Dennis Wise (Millwall) ..... free  
Darren Powell (C Palace) ..... free  
Ricardo Fuller (Portsmouth) ... £90,000  
Tomasz Hajto (Nuremberg) ..... free  
Djamel Belmadi (Al Ittihad) ..... free

**Total** ..... £90,000

### Out

Mike Williamson (Wycombe) .... free  
Jo Tessem (Lyn Oslo) ..... free  
Anders Svensson (Elfsborg) ..... free  
Kevin Phillips (Aston Villa) ..... £1m  
Alledine Yahia (St Etienne) ... nominal  
Jason Dodd (Brighton) ..... free  
Peter Crouch (Liverpool) ..... £7m  
Paul Telfer (Celtic) ..... £200,000  
M Nilsson (Panathinaikos) ... £500,000  
Olivier Bernard (Rangers) ..... free  
Fabrice Fernandes (Bolton) ..... free

**Total** ..... £8.7m

Saints chairman Rupert Lowe was able to report a profit of over £12m in terms of buying and selling players in 2005. That is the good news.

The bad news is that Saints were relegated.

### 2005 total

**Spent** ..... £2.59m  
**Received** ..... £14.7m

**Profit/loss** ..... **PROFIT £12.11m**

### January 2006

It was a tumultuous time at Saints.

It was not exactly a shock that Harry Redknapp's time at the club came to an end sooner rather than later and it was George Burley charged with trying to revive their fortunes.

The focus, though, was again more on departures than arrivals.

The big sale for Saints was teenager Theo Walcott who moved to Arsenal aged just 16.

Goalkeeper Antti Niemi and Nigel Quashie also went.

Former record signing Rory Delap left on a free, while the club also cut their losses on the likes of Neil McCann, who had proven to be a flop, while another FA Cup final hero in Brett Ormerod went for nothing.

# WINDOW WONDERS

**JOIN THE CLUB: Marek Saganowski signed for Saints in 2007.**



Saints didn't spend much money but did pay cash for Bartosz Bialkowski and Alexander Ostlund.

### In

Bartosz Bialkowski (G Zabrze) ..... £50,000  
Jim Brennan (Norwich) ..... Free  
Alex Ostlund (Feyenoord) .... £400,000  
Grzegorz Rasiak (Tottenham) ... loan  
Peter Madsen (Cologne) ..... loan

Jermaine Wright (Leeds) ..... loan  
**Total** ..... **£450,000**

### Out

Alan Blayney (Doncaster) ..... £50,000  
Antti Niemi (Fulham) ..... £1m  
Neil McCann (Hearts) ..... free  
Dennis Wise (Coventry) ..... free  
Theo Walcott (Arsenal) ..... £7m  
Brett Ormerod (Preston) ..... free

Tomasz Hajto (Derby) ..... free  
Nigel Quashie (West Brom) ... £1.2m  
Rory Delap (Sunderland) ..... free  
Matthew Mills (Man City) ... £250,000  
Andrew McNeil (Hibernian) ..... free

**Total** ..... **£9.5m**

### Summer 2006

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# Saints Spotlight



Wilde having taken control of the club, there was a feeling of optimism surrounding St Mary's again.

Burley was building a side he hoped would be able to challenge for promotion.

Many of the fringe players and dead wood was swept away.

Van Damme was a £1.5m loss while the likes of Matt Oakley and

Marian Pahars found their time at the club coming to an end.

But it was more about who Saints signed – and they recruited quality.

Striker Grzegorz Rasiak made his loan move from Tottenham permanent, Kelvin Davis came in as did Jhon Viáfara, Inigo Idiakez and, to much fanfare, Rudi Skacel as Saints prepared

for a genuine promotion push.

**In**  
Grzegorz Rasiak (Tottenham) ...£2m  
Bradley W-Phillips (Man City) .....£500,000  
Jermaine Wright (Leeds) ..... free  
Pele (Belenenses) .....£900,000  
Kelvin Davis (Sunderland) ..... £1m  
Rudi Skacel (Hearts) .....£1.6m  
Jhon Viáfara (Portsmouth) .£750,000  
Chris Makin (Reading) ..... free

Inigo Idiakez (Derby) ..... £250,000

**Total** .....£7m  
**Out**

Darren Kenton (Leicester) ..... free  
Jelle van Damme (Anderlecht) .£1m  
Marian Pahars ..... free  
Jim Brennan ..... free  
Leandre Griffit ..... free  
Paul Smith (Nottm Forest) .£500,000  
Yoann Folly (Sheff Wed) ...£100,000  
Matt Oakley (Derby) ..... free  
Danny Higginbotham (Stoke) £225,000  
Dexter Blackstock (QPR) ...£600,000  
Ricardo Fuller (Stoke) .....£500,000

**Total** .....£2.925m

A busy year at St Mary's saw Saints report another profit from buying and selling players.

**2006 total**  
**Spent** .....£7.45m  
**Received** .....£12.425m

**Profit/loss** .....PROFIT £5m

## January 2007

Saints maintained a very settled squad with the focus purely on promotion.

The only move in or out was striker Marek Saganowski arriving on loan to add some extra firepower to the Saints attack as they continued to chase promotion back to the Premier League.

**In**  
Marek Saganowski (Troyes) ... loan

**Out** .....none

## Summer 2007

A play-off semi-final penalty shootout defeat at Derby rather burst the Saints bubble and left things feeling rather deflated around St Mary's.

It also left the club unable to hold onto some of the top talent they had seen flourish.

A rash of big money sales, including Gareth Bale, Kenwyne Jones and Chris Baird brought plenty of money into the club's coffers, which was very much needed as life without parachute payments loomed on the horizon.

Coming in was Saganowski on a permanent deal and the likes of Wayne Thomas and Youssef Safri, but this was a summer all about trying to balance the books.

**In**  
Marek Saganowski (Troyes) ...£1.5m  
Youssef Safri (Norwich) ....£500,000  
Wayne Thomas (Burnley) .....£1m  
Jason Euell (Middlesbro) ..... free  
Stern John (Sunderland) ..... free

**Total** .....£3m

**Out**  
Gareth Bale (Tottenham) .....£7m  
Martin Cranie (Portsmouth) £400,000  
Leon Best (Coventry) .....£650,000  
Chris Baird (Fulham) .....£3m  
Pele (West Brom) .....£1m  
David Prutton (Leeds) ..... free  
Kenwyne Jones (Sunderland) .£6m

**Total** .....£17.05m

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## England beaten by pie night

IT was pie night on the Great British Bake-Off on Tuesday and it is probably fair to say the heaving Showstoppers on parade would have comfortably fed the few who bothered traipsing to Wembley to witness the start of English football's not-so-bright new dawn.

Fans voted with their feet and their remote controls: a peak audience of 4.5million watched Wayne Rooney snatch a scruffy win with a second half penalty; almost double sat agog as Norman, showing the sort of mis-placed flair to which England football fans have become accustomed, was voted off for spooning lavender in his meringue.

Has it really come to this? The national team, soggy-bottomed out in a heap of indifference and hot water crusts.

"I'm lucky to have made it this far," said Norman, though perhaps it is Roy Hodgson who should be more grateful for fate after a summer of World Cup humiliation.

Urgency is the missing ingredient in England national team football at the moment, and it is the lack thereof which is most likely keeping Hodgson in his job.

Gone are the days when heady expectation tempted the tabloids to bawl for the departures of so many of Hodgson's predecessors should they even have a sniff of an embarrassing defeat.

Gone is the righteous anger which greeted such national embarrassments; the wallies-with-brol-lies and effigies of sent-off stars hanging outside the capital's pubs.

Hodgson has been spared the indignity of the vegetable patch precisely because expectation has sunk to a level even the soggiest of Bake-Off disasters seldom reach.

All of which is probably a rare cause for good: few are disputing that Hodgson is not the best man for the job; the realisation is growing that the creation of a successful England national team will come through fundamental changes, not the hands of just one man.

Until the Premier League is somehow shackled to prevent our home-grown best languishing in reserve teams or out on loan, the disappointing results are doomed to continue.

Until the players treat representing their national team as an honour rather than some sort of extra-curricular trudge, the apathy of many will only be mirrored in the empty Wembley stands.

It is all very well for the Football Association to point out they have sold their allocation for England's Euro 2016 qualifying kick-off in Basel on Monday, but then, as we all know, the Swiss do make exceedingly good cakes.

Immersed in this mucky mixing bowl, Hodgson should still find cause for hope. He has a team with whom he can truly start afresh and in the likes of Raheem Sterling and Daniel Sturridge, stars who deserve a much grander international stage.

Hodgson is known for being able to speak five languages. His ability or otherwise to rustle up a poached pear in puff pastry remains thus far unrecorded.

What is certain is it will take a slow-cooked and wholly immersive process to turn the lumpy dross of pie week into a platter of which we can finally be proud.



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## Welbeck: England Gunner benefit

NEW striker Danny Welbeck is confident Arsenal's England core can boost chances of a successful Euro 2016 qualifying campaign.

Welbeck joined the Gunners in a £16million deadline day switch from Manchester United.

The 23-year-old came off the bench to replace goalscorer Wayne Rooney in the second half of Wednesday's 1-0 friendly win over Norway at Wembley, with England set to take on Switzerland next week in their first competitive match since the World Cup.

Arsenal midfielders Jack Wilshere and Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain were named in the starting XI, while defender Calum Chambers, signed from Southampton in the summer, came off the bench.

Forward Theo Walcott is set to be involved again once he recovers from the knee injury which ruled him out of World Cup contention, and full-back Kieran Gibbs is another Gunner on the periphery of Roy Hodgson's squad.

Welbeck, below, believes having so many team-mates together within the international set-up can only have a knock-on effect.

"It is going to be a massive positive for us," Welbeck said on Arsenal Player.

"We will be seeing each other every single day and you obviously develop a much better understanding if you are working with one another on a consistent basis, that is something that will definitely benefit the England team."

Welbeck, who had been at United since the age of eight, found himself pushed further down the pecking order at Old Trafford following the arrival of Colombia forward Radamel Falcao.

The Manchester-born forward, who scored 29 goals in 142 appearances for the Red Devils, could be set for an extended run in the Arsenal team as a central striker following Olivier Giroud's foot injury, which is expected to sideline the France international until January.

Welbeck, though, is taking nothing for granted.

"There is definitely competition and I think once you come to a big club, there is always going to be competition," he said.

"Unfortunately there are a couple of injuries at the moment but I think once everyone is fighting fit, everybody will want to be on the pitch scoring goals and that's healthy competition for the squad."

Welbeck cannot wait to get started at his new club, with Arsenal hosting Manchester City after the international break on September 13.

"I just want them (Arsenal fans) to know that I will give 100 per cent in every single game. I play with my heart on my sleeve and I am always going to give my best," he said.

"I will try to give them so many happy days in the coming future."



# WHO WERE THE

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Coming in was Saganowski on a permanent deal and the likes of Wayne Thomas and Youssef Safri, but this was a summer all about trying to balance the books.

The year end saw Saints having made a £14m profit on player trading.

**2007 total**  
Spent ..... £3m  
Received ..... £17.05m

**Profit/loss ..... PROFIT £14.05m**

### January 2008

Saints ended up finding themselves in a battle for Championship survival.

Burley departed to take the Scotland job and it was eventually down to Nigel Pearson to try and stave off relegation to League One.

There was only one move in the transfer window with centre half Andrew Davis coming in to try and shore things up at the back.

**In**  
Andrew Davies (Middlesbro) ..... £1m

**Total ..... £1m**

**Out ..... none**

### Summer 2008

It was all change behind the scenes again as this time Rupert Lowe and Michael Wilde formed an alliance to wrestle back control of the club.

Wilde had left in February 2007, with his executive directors leaving St Mary's in December of the same year.

Lowe and Wilde appointed Dutchman Jan Poortvliet to the manager's role and made no secret of further cost cutting and an emphasis on youth.

Plenty of big name players were allowed to leave for nothing to get wages off the bill, many of them like Idiakez, Ostlund, Safri and Viazara representing a significant loss, while Claus Lundekvam retired.

The signings were mainly from the bargain bin once again, with the exception being the signing of a young Frenchman named Morgan Schneiderlin.

He joined for £1.2m after being personally scouted and pursued by Lowe.

**In**  
Lee Holmes (Derby) ..... free  
Chris Perry (Luton) ..... free  
Paul Wotton (Plymouth) ..... free  
Morgan Schneiderlin (Strasbourg) .... £1.2m  
Tommy Forecast (Tottenham) ..... free  
Anthony Pulis (Stoke) ..... free

**Total ..... £1.2m**

**Out**

Mario Licka ..... free  
Claus Lundekvam ..... free  
Chris Makin ..... free  
Josh Dutton-Black ..... free  
Inigo Idiakez ..... free  
Alexander Ostlund ..... free  
Jhon Viazara ..... free  
Cedric Baseya ..... free  
Youssef Safri (Qatar S C) ..... free  
Jermaine Wright (Blackpool) ..... free  
Andrew Davies (Stoke) ..... £1m

**Total ..... £1m**

Saints made a slight profit on player trading, but it would not be sufficient to keep the wolves from the door.

**2008 total**  
Spent ..... £2.2m  
Received: ..... £1m

**Profit/loss ..... PROFIT £1.2m**

### January 2009

Once more Saints found themselves in a battle for survival.

The emphasis on youth had left them vulnerable, and even a change of manager with Mark Wotte taking over from Poortvliet was struggling to buck the trend.

Saints only signed a couple, of free transfers in Lee Molyneux and Ryan Smith in the hope they might come off and save the day.

They didn't.

**In**  
Lee Molyneux (Everton) ..... free  
Ryan Smith (Millwall) ..... free  
**Total ..... £0**

**Out ..... £0**

### Summer 2009

It was a summer that will go down in history.

The club were relegated from the Championship to League One, and were placed in administration.

With the very existence of Saints hanging by a thread, Swiss billionaire Markus Liebherr strolled into town to purchase the club and give it a new beginning.

Nicola Coretse was installed as chairman and Alan Pardew appointed as manager.

With Liebherr happy to bankroll his pet project, a quick promotion was the order of the day.

A few players had already gone to help stave off liquidation, including the sale of Andrew Surman to Wolves, but now Pardew was all about rebuilding.

His most significant signing of the window was, without question, the £1m he paid to Bristol Rovers to sign striker Rickie Lambert.

**In**



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## BEST BUYS?



Dan Harding (Ipswich) ..... free  
 Graeme Murty (Reading) ..... free  
 Rickie Lambert (Bristol R) ..... £1m  
 Dean Hammond (Colchester) ..... £400,000  
 Radhi Jaidi (Birmingham) ..... free  
 David Connolly ..... free

**Total ..... £1.4m**

### Out

David McGoldrick (Nottm Forest) ..... £1m  
 Nathan Dyer (Swansea) ..... £400,000  
 Andrew Surman (Wolves) ..... £1.2m  
 Bradley Wright-Phillips (Plymouth) ..... free  
 Jason Euell (Blackpool) ..... free  
 Stern John (C Palace) ..... free  
 Grzegorz Rasiak (Reading) ..... nominal

**Total ..... £2.6m**

### 2009 total

Spent ..... £1.4m  
 Received ..... £2.6m

**Profit/loss ..... LOSS £1.2m**

### January 2010

Despite starting the third division season with minus ten points due to administration and a squad Pardew was still trying to piece together, Saints quickly picked up form.

It seemed they had an outside chance of making the play-offs and so Markus Liebherr and Nicolas Cortese threw some cash at the project to try and get up as quickly as possible.

Jose Fonte was the big signing for £1.2m while Jason Puncheon, Lee Barnard and Dan Seaborne also arrived.

Pardew was laying the foundations for years of success ahead at St Mary's.

### In

Jose Fonte (C Palace) ..... £1.2m  
 Danny Seaborne (Exeter) ..... £200,000  
 Jon Otsemobor (Norwich) ..... free  
 Lee Barnard (Southend) ..... £175,000  
 Jason Puncheon (Plymouth) ..... £250,000

**Total ..... £1.825m**

### Out

Matthew Paterson (Southend) ..... free  
 Marek Saganowski ..... free

**Total: £0**

### Summer 2010

Saints had narrowly missed on making the play-offs but did win the Johnstone's Paint Trophy in a Wembley final.

This season, though, there could be no excuses – Saints simply had to deliver promotion to the Championship.

The ins and outs were not particularly significant, with Saints again releasing players from a bygone era who were not going to challenge for first team positions. They had brought in most of what they

needed already, but added Ryan Dickson, Frazer Richardson and, after Richardson quickly got injured in pre-season training, Danny Butterfield as well.

### In

Ryan Dickson (Brentford) ..... £175,000  
 Frazer Richardson (Charlton) ..... £400,000  
 Danny Butterfield (C Palace) ..... free

**Total ..... £575,000**

### Out

Jake Thomson (Exeter) ..... free  
 Andrej Pernecky ..... free  
 Chris Perry ..... free  
 Lee Molyneux ..... free  
 Graeme Murty ..... free  
 Jamie White ..... free  
 Olly Lancashire (Walsall) ..... free  
 Simon Gillett (Doncaster) ..... free  
 Lloyd James (Colchester) ..... free  
 Garyn Preen (Burton) ..... free  
 Michael Poke (Brighton) ..... free  
 Jon Otsemobor (Sheff Wed) ..... free  
 Wayne Thomas (Doncaster) ..... free

**Total ..... £0**

Saints spent a fortune in 2010, by third division standards anyway, and didn't recoup any money by selling players.

### 2010 total

Spent ..... £2.4m  
 Received ..... £0

**Profit/loss ..... LOSS £2.4m**

### January 2011

With Pardew having been controversially axed and replaced by Nigel Adkins, Saints were well in the hunt for automatic promotion, with Brighton their main contenders for the League One title.

Adkins raided former club Scunthorpe to bring in Jonathan Forte while Richard Chaplow also arrived to boost the club's midfield options for the run-in.

### In

Jonathan Forte (Scunthorpe) ..... nominal  
 Richard Chaplow (Preston) ..... £100,000

**Total ..... £100,000**

### Out

Paul Wotton (Yeovil) ..... free

**Total ..... £0**

### Summer 2011

Saints failed to win the title but had achieved their major goal which was promotion to the Championship.

They weren't done there though and attentions soon turned to how quickly they could return to the lucrative world of the Premier League.

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## Dreams coming true for Fabian

FABIAN Delph was delighted to complete his journey from crock to England international on Wednesday night.

Delph's boyhood dreams came true when Roy Hodgson brought him off the bench to give him his England debut in the nervy 1-0 win over Norway.

The England manager called Delph, pictured above, into the squad for the first time last week after he enjoyed a successful two-year run in the Aston Villa first team.

But before that, the former Leeds midfielder struggled to regain his form and fitness following cruciate knee ligament damage, which kept him out of action for almost nine months.

"A few years ago I couldn't get fit and into the first team at Villa so it has been a really long hard road," the Villa midfielder said after the final whistle at Wembley.

"I have had a lot of help from the medical team and fitness coaches at Villa to get me where I am now.

"Being here (with England) is great." Delph put in an assured performance after coming on as a 69th-minute substitute for Jack Wilshere.

Hodgson was pleased with the 24-year-old's efforts, but the player is not sure whether he did enough to put himself in contention to feature in Monday's Euro 2016 qualifier against Switzerland.

"If selected that would be great, but I know I am here for my first time," Delph added.

"I am just looking to work hard and if I am given the chance to play then that would be great."

Delph says he has settled in well with England, thanks partly due to the presence of his friend Daniel Sturridge, and new captain Wayne Rooney, who has made the midfielder feel at home since the call-up.

"I have known Daniel Sturridge a long time but the skipper has been great with us," said Delph, who was one of four new faces called up last week.

"He's really welcomed the new lads and it's a great set of lads."

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# Wilkins is on his travels

RAY Wilkins' appointment as the new head coach of Jordan this week makes him the latest British boss to try his luck with a nation far from home.

While some, like former Aston Villa striker Peter Withe, have carved new careers on the other side of the world, others, such as Terry Venables' short-lived stint in charge of Australia, are best forgotten.

Here, the Sports Pink takes a look at five of the more notorious or unlikely national team management marriages.

**JOE KINNEAR:** Kinnear was appointed coach of India in 1984, before moving on to Nepal for two years in 1987. "We trained at the foot of Mount Everest," recalled Kinnear. "You could see it as you looked outside your window." Kinnear would go on to give himself an even bigger mountain to climb at Newcastle.

**DON REVIE:** Revie caused controversy by resigning as England boss in 1977 to take up a £340,000 per year tax-free post with the United Arab Emirates. Having compounded the situation by selling his story to the Daily Mail, Revie was suspended from football for 10 years by an



**RAY WILKINS**

enraged Football Association.

**JOHN TOSHACK:** Toshack's shock appointment as Macedonia coach in 2011 lasted less than a year. The former Wales boss won just one of his eight games in charge then was sacked after failing to comply with a request to relocate full-time to the Balkan nation from his home in Spain.

**MICK WADSWORTH:** Much-travelled Wadsworth - who would later take charge of St Kitts & Nevis - landed up as head coach of Congo in 2003. "I'd done my homework, and I knew I was letting myself in for a culture shock," said ex-Saints coach Wadsworth, who led the team to the African Cup of Nations finals in Tunisia where they lost all three games.

**TERRY YORATH:** The former Wales boss enjoyed a mutually beneficial couple of years in Lebanon in the mid-1990s. The Lebanese national team rose more than 50 places in the FIFA rankings while Yorath conceded: "I'm much more patient than I ever was before in my life. And I've learned how to make a smashing stew."

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Saints did end up selling one of their star youngsters as Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain moved to Arsenal, but they also spent cash on the likes of Jack Cork, Danny Fox and Jos Hooiveld as ambitious Saints strived further forward.

### In

Jack Stephens (Plymouth) .....	£150,000
Jack Cork (Chelsea) .....	£750,000
Steve De Ridder (De Graafschap) .....	£75,000
Daniel Fox (Burnley) .....	£1.5m
Jos Hooiveld (Celtic) .....	£1.7m

**Total .....** £4.175m

### Out

Callum McNish (Exeter) .....	free
Oscar Gobern (Huddersfield) .....	£275,000
Alex O-Chamberlain (Arsenal) .....	£12m
Kayne McLaggon (Bristol R) .....	free
Anthony Pulis (Aldershot) .....	free
Joseph Mills (Reading) .....	nominal

**Out .....** £12.275m

Due to the sale of Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain to Arsenal, Saints made an £8m profit on player trading in the year.

### 2011 total

Spent .....	£4.275m
Received .....	£12.275m

**Profit/loss .....** PROFIT £8m

### January 2012

In a tight division, Saints' promotion was far from certain come the January transfer window, but they had given themselves a good chance.

Saints were only interested in signing players to boost themselves at this point and recruited Tadanari Lee and, most significantly, Billy Sharp in a bid to boost their firepower and get the goals that might make the difference to their promotion push.

It did.

### In

Tadanari Lee (Hiroshima) .....	£1m
Billy Sharp (Doncaster) .....	£1.8m

**Total .....** £2.8m

**Out .....** £0

### Summer 2012

They had done it - Saints were back in the Premier League after finishing second place to Reading in the Championship.

Now it was all about building for the Premier League.

A number of players who were deemed not quite up to that level of football left the club, most of them for nothing, and Saints went on a spending spree.

They smashed the club transfer record to bring in Gaston Ramirez for £12m. Jay Rodriguez also arrived from Burnley for £6m while there were significant fees paid for the likes of Steven Davis, Paulo Gazzaniga, Emmanuel Mayuka and Maya Yoshida, while Artur Boruc arrived on a free.

Saints were back in the big time and spent nearly £30m to celebrate.

### In

Jay Rodriguez (Burnley) .....	£6m
Steve Davis (Rangers) .....	£750,000



**NEW SIGNING: Dusan Tadic, s**

Nathaniel Clyne (C Palace) .....	£2.5m
Paulo Gazzaniga (Gillingham) .....	£1m
Emmanuel Mayuka (Y Boys) .....	£3m
Maya Yoshida (VVV Venlo) .....	£2m
Gaston Ramirez (Bologna) .....	£12m
Artur Boruc .....	free

**Total .....** £27.25m

### Out

Harlee Dean (Brentford) .....	free
Lee Holmes (Preston) .....	free
Bartosz Bialkowski (Notts Co) .....	free
Ryan Doble (Shrewsbury) .....	free
Radhi Jaidi .....	free
Jack Dovey .....	free
David Connolly .....	free
Dan Harding (Nottm Forest) .....	£350,000

**Out .....** £350,000

As Saints returned to the Premier League, so the club spent almost £30m more on players than they brought in from selling them.

### 2012 total

Spent .....	£30.05m
Received .....	£350,000

**Profit/loss .....** LOSS £29.7m

### January 2013

Nicola Cortese pulled off another shock move by sacking Nigel Adkins and bringing in Mauricio Pochettino as the club's new manager.

Even though Adkins looked as

though he was going to guide Saints to Premier League safety, Cortese didn't see him as the person for the long term.

The transfer window itself was otherwise rather quiet.

Only central defender Vegard Forren arrived from Norway, on the same day Adkins was sacked and Pochettino arrived.

### In

Vegard Forren .....	£4.5m
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**Total .....** £4.5m

**Out: .....** £0

### Summer 2013



# Saints Spotlight

## SIGNING SPREE



een here surrounded by West Bromwich players, was part of a record breaking signing spree.

Saints again tried to show their ambition to compete with the Premier League's big boys by spending heavily, this time investing more than £30m on just three players.

Dani Osvaldo was the headline signing, again breaking the club's transfer record as he arrived from Roma for an initial £12.9m.

Victor Wanyama joined from Celtic for huge money while centre half Dejan Lovren completed the trio of fresh faces into Pochettino's squad.

Of the departures the biggest surprise was that of Forren, who went back to Molde without having made a single first team appearance for Saints.

Dejan Lovren (Lyon) .....£8.5m  
Victor Wanyama Celtic .....£12.5m  
Pablo Osvaldo Roma .....£12.9m

**Total .....£33.9m**

### Out

Sam Hoskins (Yeovil) .....free  
Vegard Forren (Molde) .....£4m  
Ben Reeves (MK Dons) .....free  
Richard Chaplow (Millwall) .....free  
Danny Seaborne (Yeovil) .....free  
Ryan Dickson (Colchester) .....free  
Steve De Ridder (FC Utrecht) .....free  
Frazer Richardson (Middlesbrough) .....free  
Danny Butterfield (Carlisle) .....free  
Dean Hammond (Leicester) .....£400,000  
Tommy Forecast .....free  
Alberto Seidi .....free

**Total .....£4m**

Another whopping loss in the transfer market on player trading, this time of £34m – taking the total to almost £64m in just two years.

**2013 total  
Spent .....£38.4m  
Received .....£4.4m**

**Profit/loss .....LOSS £34m**

### January 2014

With Saints soaring up the Premier League table under Pochettino, there wasn't really any business that needed to be done.

Saints did sell Jason Puncheon to Crystal Palace and released Tadanari Lee after he had failed to make an impact.

The biggest headline grabber was that record signing Osvaldo went to Juventus on loan for the rest of the season after headbutting teammate Jose Fonte in training.

**In .....none**

### Out

Aaron Martin (Birmingham) .....free  
Jason Puncheon (C Palace) .....£1.7m  
Tadanari Lee (Tokyo) .....free

**Total .....£1.7m**

### Summer 2014

A truly tumultuous summer at Saints.

With Coretse having left the club at the start of the year, and Pochettino quitting for Spurs after guiding the club to eighth place, it was a summer of massive change at Saints. Ronald Koeman was appointed as the club's new manager but started his reign by seeing the club sell £90m worth of their best players.

Rickie Lambert, Adam Lallana, Luke Shaw, Dejan Lovren and Calum Chambers all commanded massive fees as they moved on to pastures new.

Saints promised to reinvest though and delivered, splashing out around £60m to bring in Dusan Tadic, Graziano Pelle, Fraser Forster, Ryan Bertrand, Shane Long, Florin Gardos, Toby Alderweireld and Sadio Mane.

### In

Graziano Pelle (Feyenoord) .....£8m  
Dusan Tadic (FC Twente) .....£10.9m  
Ryan Bertrand .....loan  
Saphir Taider .....loan  
Florin Gardos .....£6m  
Shane Long .....£12m  
Fraser Forster .....£10m  
Toby Alderweireld .....loan  
Sadio Mane .....£10m

**Total: .....£56.9m**

### Outs

Rickie Lambert (Liverpool) .....£4m  
Luke Shaw (Man United) .....£27m  
Adam Lallana (Liverpool) .....£25m  
Dejan Lovren (Liverpool) .....£20m  
Calum Chambers (Arsenal) .....£16m  
Andy Robinson (Bolton) .....free  
Jonathan Forte (Oldham) .....free  
Billy Sharp (Leeds) .....£450,000  
Dani Osvaldo (Inter Milan) .....loan  
Jos Hooiveld (Norwich) .....loan  
Gaston Ramirez (Hull) .....loan

**Total .....£92.45m**

Saints made a massive £37m profit on player trading in 2014, despite embarking on the biggest spending spree in the club's history.

**2014 total  
Spent .....£56.9m  
Received .....£94.15m**

**Profit/loss .....PROFIT £37.25m**

### Overall transfer windows – January 2003-summer 2014

**Spent .....£165.54m  
Received .....£167.9m**

**Profit/loss .....PROFIT £2.36m**

## BOOK of the WEEK

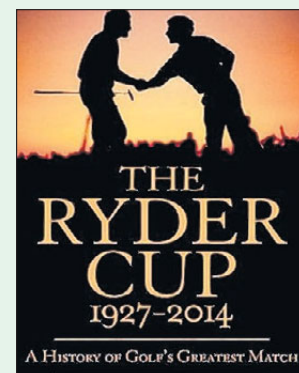
**The Ryder Cup  
A History: 1927 - 2014  
By Peter Pugh & Henry Lord**

**Sports book of the month  
price: £8.08, saving 25% on rrp**

Most golfers will tell you there's nothing worse than the two-and-a-half-footer, a putt from little more than 30 inches which can crumple a man's confidence and ensure his putting action resembles that of someone sweeping the floor. Being made to putt from such a distance induces a stomach-churning nervousness, especially as the decent opponent might call it a 'gimme'.

Putting to square a match exerts even more pressure on the sweaty-palmed individual charged safely guiding a small white ball into the hole. Putting to square a contest that will level the Ryder Cup – well, such pressure is unimaginable.

Faced with such a prospect in 1969, Tony Jacklin became the recipient of one of the greatest examples of sportsmanship and decency ever seen on a golf course. His opponent, Jack Nicklaus, had putted out before Jacklin



walked towards his ball, some thirty inches from the hole. The pressure on Jacklin was enormous, but Nicklaus was having none of it; he told the Englishman to pick it up and the match was halved. It bore a remarkable similarity to a finish you might see at your local course. "C'mon Tony, you can have that. Let's go for a beer."

After reading the paperback version of the Ryder Cup's wonderful history (the hardback was published in 2012), it could be argued that without Nicklaus, what was for so long a one-sided affair, the competition could have easily lost its lustre. Instead, Nicklaus suggested that the regularly-hammered British team invite some of the top European players into their squad. The Americans, said Jack, would have no objections.

In the sixteen Ryder Cup contests since 1981, the European team, formed following Nicklaus's suggestion, has emerged victorious on ten occasions, including the last contest at Medinah, where they staged a remarkable comeback after the Americans led 10-4 on the Saturday afternoon.

This well-written history of golf's greatest match includes similarly dramatic encounters, though as we prepare for the next one, at Gleneagles later this month, this fine book leaves you thinking that without the inspirational Jack Nicklaus, it's unlikely the Ryder Cup would be as big as it is today.



# CHERRIES 2014/15

## AUGUST

9: Huddersfield Town (A) ..... W 4-0  
Pugh, Wilson 2, Kermorgant

12 Exeter (A) League Cup ..... W 2-0  
OG, Gosling

16: Brentford (H) ..... W 1-0  
Stanislas

19: Nottm Forest (H) ..... L 1-2  
Wilson

23: Blackburn Rovers (A) ..... L 2-3  
Pitman, Cook

26: Northampton (H) Lge Cup ... W 3-0  
Gosling, Pitman, Wilson

30: Norwich City (A) ..... D 1-1  
Wilson

## SEPTEMBER

13: Rotherham ..... H

16: Leeds Utd ..... H

20: Watford ..... A

27: Wigan Athletic ..... H

30: Derby County ..... A

## OCTOBER

4: Bolton Wanderers ..... A

18: Charlton Athletic ..... H

21: Reading (7.45pm) ..... H

25: Birmingham City ..... A

## NOVEMBER

1: Brighton ..... H

4: Sheffield Wed (7.45pm) ..... A

8: Middlesbrough ..... A

22: Ipswich Town ..... H

29: Millwall ..... H

## DECEMBER

6: Wolves ..... A

13: Cardiff City ..... H

20: Blackpool ..... A

26: Fulham ..... H

28: Millwall ..... A

## JANUARY

10: Norwich City ..... H

17: Rotherham United ..... A

24: Leeds United ..... A

31: Watford ..... H

## FEBRUARY

7: Wigan Athletic ..... A

10: Derby County (7.45pm) ..... H

14: Huddersfield ..... H

21: Brentford ..... A

25: Nottingham Forest (7.45pm) ..... A

28: Blackburn Rovers ..... H

## MARCH

3: Wolves (7.45pm) ..... H

7: Fulham ..... A

14: Blackpool ..... H

17: Cardiff City (7.45pm) ..... A

21: Middlesbrough (3pm) ..... H

## APRIL

4: Ipswich Town ..... A

6: Birmingham City ..... H

11: Brighton ..... A

14: Reading (8pm) ..... A

18: Sheffield Wednesday ..... H

25: Bolton Wanderers ..... H

## MAY

2: Charlton Athletic ..... A

# Cherries spotlight ... Cherries spotlight ...

# DREW'S UNFINISHED

## Ex-Saint Surman back where he left off at Cherries

**NEW Cherries recruit Andrew Surman says he is hoping to start where he left off after putting the finishing touches to his permanent move to Dean Court.**

Former Saints star Surman, who impressed during a loan spell from Norwich last season, this week signed a three-year deal after the clubs had agreed a fee believed to be in the region of £500,000.

The 28-year-old became Eddie Howe's fourth signing of the season.

Midfielder Surman starred during the second-half of last season and started all but two of the final 29 games as Cherries secured a 10th-placed finish in the Championship.

Surman said: "I really enjoyed my time here last season and it's great to be back. It has been a long process getting the deal done but I am happy to be here.

"It has been a bit uncertain and, from the end of last season through to this point, it has been a little bit up in the air as to whether I would be staying or going.

"It was a tough time. I have been living in a hotel for the past eight weeks and not really sure where my future lay so I am pleased to have signed and am really looking forward to getting going and doing my best.

"When I looked back on last season, I really enjoyed my time. But I had a year left at Norwich and I wasn't exactly sure what the situation was going to be there. They had just been relegated and a new manager had come in.

"I knew that if I was going to leave, I wanted to come to Bournemouth because I enjoyed it here last season. I have got massive respect for the club, the manager, the staff, the players and the supporters.

"I played a couple of slightly different roles and learned my game here.

"Thankfully, I played about 30



**FLASHBACK:** Andrew Surman in loan action for Cherries in 2013/14.

games and you need that match sharpness to get back to your best.

"I felt I was getting back to that last season and want to continue this season.

"From being here last season, I could tell where the club wants to go and I want to be a part of that so am delighted to commit my future to Bournemouth."

Surman, who looked on from the stand as Cherries drew 1-1 with Norwich at Carrow Road last Saturday, added: "Bournemouth at least held their own and possibly could have gone on to win.

**"I can tell where the club wants to go and want to be part of it."**

"Everybody was really impressed with the way they played and how they went about their business. I am sure we can get a lot more accolades if we carrying on playing the way we are."

Surman, who recently celebrated his 28th birthday, made his debut for Saints under George Burley in a 0-0 St Mary's draw with Crystal Palace in January 2006.

He went on to make 133 league appearances for the club, scoring 30 goals, before joining then Premier League Wolves for £1.2m in the summer of 2009 when Saints' future was uncertain after administration.

Surman only played seven times in the top flight for Wolves in 2009/10, and moved onto Norwich the following summer. He helped the Canaries win a second successive promotion at the end of his first season at Carrow Road.

In all, Surman made 52 appearances for Norwich, scoring seven goals.

**FLASHBACK:** Andrew Surman celebrates a Saints goal in 2007.

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**Cherries spotlight ... Cherries spotlight ...**

# CHERRIES BUSINESS

## Boss Eddie finally gets his man ...

BOSS Eddie Howe finally ended his lengthy pursuit of Andrew Surman and then said he hoped to see the best of the player in a Cherries shirt.

Howe had been keen to sign Surman on a permanent basis after he had impressed greatly during a season-long loan from Norwich.

And following protracted negotiations between the clubs over the summer, a deal came to fruition just hours before the closing of the transfer window.

Surman, who penned a three-year contract with Cherries, is understood to have commanded an initial fee of around £500,000 with the deal rising with add-ons.

Howe admitted: "We are really pleased to sign Andrew because it has been a long pursuit.

"I think everyone could see how effective he was for us, especially towards the back-end of last season. He really impressed us, not just with his performances on the pitch, but with the way he integrated himself into the squad.

### Delighted

"He felt like more than loan player to us and was a big part of our team so we are delighted to bring him back.

"He can offer us that versatility and can play anywhere across midfield. We used him as a central midfielder in a two and a three but he can play in the wide positions coming narrow as well.

"He is a very intelligent footballer and he definitely helped us to some

very good performances and the highest finishing position in the club's history.

"As with all our signings, he has a great attitude, he is a very professional guy and, hopefully, we will see the best of him in a Bournemouth shirt.

"He adds a bit more experience to the squad because he has had some really good experiences in the game. It all adds to the mix of our squad and his arrival will increase competition for places.

"I have known Andrew for a long time and, even when he was out of the team, he was very professional, he trained hard and waited for his opportunity.

"Nobody here doubted his ability, he came to us on the back of a season where he'd had a bad injury.

"When he got into the team, he never looked back. It was quite tight to the deadline so we were pleased to get it over the line."

## Howe not a fan of transfer window

**EDDIE Howe believes English football would benefit from stepping away from a transfer window system that encourages "panic and poor decisions".**

Cherries boss Howe bolstered his squad with the deadline-day signing of midfielder Andrew Surman from Championship rivals Norwich City.

He joined fellow new recruits Callum Wilson, Junior Stanislas and Dan Gosling who were all signed in good time either in the summer or early during pre-season.

Cherries will not be permitted to make any permanent signings until January – with the exception of free agents – although emergency loans can be conducted from next week.

And while Howe sees some positives in the window, he feels a return to year-round recruitment would benefit clubs.

He said: "I think the transfer window serves a purpose for the media.

"It generates excitement because there is a definite cut-off point and the tension builds. "Everyone is



**WINDOW PAIN:** Cherries boss Eddie Howe.

waiting to see what business will be done. In football clubs, it can breed panic and poor decisions because if you are not careful, you can think you need to do more than you actually need to.

"It makes it worse, from my perspective. You are cramming business into a short period of time and people are panicked into decisions they don't want to make. "I would

much prefer the old system where you were able to recruit at any time of the year.

"That way, you could actually work out what you needed and adjust accordingly."

FIFA brought the transfer window into compulsory effect for the 2002-03 season, although many European leagues had previously already used the system.

Although fees for Wilson and Surman were undisclosed, Cherries are believed to have bolstered their resources for less than the £3million they received from Norwich for striker Lewis Grabban, with Gosling and Stanislas both free transfers.

And Howe believes the key to utilising the window properly is to bring in quality players without paying over the odds, although he admits that is easier said than done.

He added: "What a lot of supporters need to remember is that you need to be prudent in what you do, otherwise you are left with a legacy of overspend. There is always a delicate balance. You want to add the right players but also manage funds very carefully."

### POMPEY 2014/15

#### August

9 Exeter City (A) .....	D 1-1
Wallace	
12 Peterborough (H) Lge Cup .....	W 1-0
Storey	
16 Cambridge United (H) .....	W 2-1
Taylor, OG	
19 Northampton Town (H) .....	W2-0
Wallace, Westcarr	
23 Oxford United (A) .....	W 1-0
Westcarr	
27 Stoke City (A) League Cup) .....	L 0-3
30 Newport County (H) .....	L 0-1

#### September

6 Burton Albion .....	A
13 Southend United .....	A
16 Dagenham & Red (7.45pm) .....	H
20 Wycombe Wanderers .....	H
27 Hartlepool United .....	A

#### October

4 York City .....	A
11 Mansfield Town .....	H
18 Bury .....	A
21 Stevenage (7.45pm) .....	H
25 Shrewsbury Town .....	A

#### November

1 Carlisle United .....	H
8 FA Cup 1st rd	
15 Plymouth Argyle .....	A
22 Morecambe .....	H
29 Tranmere Rovers .....	A

#### December

6 FA Cup 2nd rd	
13 Accrington Stanley .....	H
20 Cheltenham Town .....	A
26 AFC Wimbledon .....	H
28 Luton Town .....	A

#### January

3 Tranmere Rovers .....	H
10 Newport County .....	A
17 Burton Albion .....	H
24 Southend United .....	H
31 Wycombe Wanderers .....	A

#### February

7 Hartlepool United .....	H
10 Dagenham & R (7.45pm) .....	A
14 Exeter City .....	H
21 Cambridge United .....	A
28 Oxford United .....	H

#### March

3 Northampton (7.45pm) .....	A
7 Accrington Stanley .....	A
14 Luton Town .....	H
17 Cheltenham Town (7.45pm) .....	H
21 AFC Wimbledon .....	A
28 Shrewsbury Town .....	H

#### April

4 Carlisle United .....	A
6 Plymouth Argyle .....	H
11 Morecambe .....	A
14 Stevenage (7.45pm) .....	A
18 Bury .....	H
25 Mansfield Town .....	A

#### May

2 York City .....	H
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## Premier League ins and outs – summer transfer window

### Arsenal

In: Alexis Sanchez (Barcelona) £35m, Mathieu Debuchy (Newcastle) Undisclosed, David Ospina (Napoli) £3m, Calum Chambers (Southampton) £16m  
Out: Lukasz Fabianski (Swansea City) Free, Bacary Sagna (Manchester City) Free, Thomas Eisfeld (Fulham) Undisclosed, Benik Afobe (MK Dons) Loan, Nicklas Bendtner (Wolfsburg) Free, Jon Toral (Brentford) Loan, Thomas Vermaelen (Barcelona) £15m, Ignasi Miquel (Norwich) Undisclosed, Ryo Miyaichi (FC Twente) Loan.  
Released: Chuks Aneke, Chu Young Park.

### Aston Villa

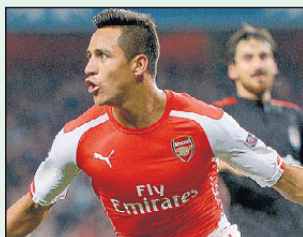
In: Tom Leggett (Saints) Free, Isaac Nehemie (Saints) Free, Philippe Senderos (Valencia) Free, Joe Cole (West Ham) Free, Kieran Richardson (Fulham) Undisclosed, Carlos Sanchez (Elche) £4.5m, Aly Cissokho (Valencia) Undisclosed, Tom Cleverley (Manchester United) Loan.  
Out: Marc Albrighton (Leicester City) Free, Nicklas Helenius (Aalborg) Loan, Yacouba Sylla (Erciyesspor) Loan, Samir Carruthers (MK Dons) Undisclosed, Antonio Luna (Verona) Loan, Jed Steer (Doncaster) Loan, Joe Bennett (Brighton) Loan, Janoi Donacien (Tranmere) Loan, Aleksander Tonev (Celtic) Loan, Daniel Johnson (Chesterfield) Loan, Gary Gardner (Brighton) Loan, Karim El Ahmadi (Feyenoord) Undisclosed.  
Released: Nathan Delfouneso.

### Burnley

In: Michael Kightly (Stoke) undisclosed, Matt Gilks (Blackpool) Free, Steven Reid (WBA) Free, Lukas Jutkiewicz (Middlesbrough) £1.5m, Stephen Ward (Wolves) Undisclosed, George Boyd (Hull) £3m, Nathaniel Chalobah (Chelsea) Loan.  
Out: Junior Stanislas (Bournemouth) Free, Chris Baird (WBA) Free.  
Released - David Edgar, Brian Stock, Keith Treacy, Nick Liversedge.

### Chelsea

In: Cesc Fabregas (Barcelona) £27m, Diego Costa (Athletico Madrid) £32m, Mario Pasalic (Hajduk Split) Undisclosed, Filipe Luis (Athletico Madrid) £15.8m, Didier Drogba (Galatasaray) Free, Loic Remy (QPR)



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£10.5m.  
Out: Tomas Kalas (Cologne) Loan, Wallace (Vitesse Arnhem) Loan, Sam Hutchinson (Sheff Wed) Free, Ashley Cole (Roma) Free, Bertrand Traore (Vitesse) Loan, Thorgan Hazard (Borussia Monchengladbach) Loan, Demba Ba (Besiktas) £4.7m, David Luiz (Paris SG) Unconfirmed, Romelu Lukaku (Everton) £28m, Patrick van Aanholt (Sunderland) Undisclosed, Ryan Bertrand (Southampton) Loan, Kenneth Omeruo (Middlesbrough), Frank Lampard (New York) Free, Oriol Romeu (Stuttgart) Loan, John Swift (Rotherham) Loan, Marko Marin (Fiorentina) Loan, Josh McEachran (Vitesse Arnhem) Loan, Victor Moses (Stoke) Loan, Christian Atsu (Everton) Loan, Billy Clifford (Walsal) Free, Patrick Bamford (Middlesbrough) Loan, Fernando Torres (AC Milan) Loan, Samuel Eto'o (Everton) free, George Saville (Wolves) Undisclosed, Marco van Ginkel (AC Milan) Loan, Nathaniel Chalobah (Burnley) Loan, Jamal Blackman (Middlesbrough) Loan.  
Released: Henrique Hilario, Mark Schwarzer.

### Crystal Palace

In: Chris Kettleings (Blackpool) Free, Fraizer Campbell (Cardiff) £900,000, Brede Hangeland (Fulham) Free, Martin Kelly (Liverpool) Undisclosed, Wilfried Zaha (Man Utd) Loan, James McArthur (Wigan Athletic) £7m.  
Out: Kagisho Dikgacoi (Cardiff City) Free, Dean Moxey (Bolton) Free, Aaron Wilbraham (Bristol City) Free, Jonathan Parr (Ipswich) Free, Alex Wynter (Pompey) Loan, Kwesi Appiah (Cambridge United) Loan, Jack Hunt (Nottingham Forest) Loan, Jose Campana (Sampdoria) Undisclosed, Osman Sow (Hearts) Free.  
Released: Neil Alexander, Marouane Chamakh, Daniel Gabbidon.

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# WINDOW TURNED OUT

**Saints produce the goods to quell fan mutiny**

**It was a summer transfer window that no-one at Saints is ever likely to forget.**

It opened with Mauricio Pochettino as manager of a squad containing Rickie Lambert, Luke Shaw, Adam Lallana, Dejan Lovren and Calum Chambers.

By the middle of July, all had departed St Mary's.

Even though Ronald Koeman was appointed as Pochettino's successor, for some weeks the situation at Saints looked at crisis point.

Supporters were commenting in record levels on the Daily Echo's website as there appeared no end to the great summer exodus.

Owner Katharina Liebherr came in for criticism, accused of asset-stripping and wanting to sell the club her late father rescued from potential oblivion.

Chairman Ralph Krueger was also roundly criticised for his public comments.

Krueger said that no players would be sold until Pochettino's successor had been appointed, only to sell Lambert to Liverpool within days.

Director Les Reed, though, copped the most abuse online.

He had claimed back in April that he was happy with his relationship with Pochettino when asked about a new deal for the manager.

He also said that all players who asked to go would be held to their contracts.

They were words that would often come back to haunt him in the



weeks and months that followed.

Krueger, for his part, asked to be judged when the transfer window shut at 11pm last Monday.

The fans were not slow to do so.

Here, in a special feature, we bring you the best of the Daily Echo online postings from supporters regarding the remarkable 2014 summer transfer window.

I'd like to apologise to Les Reed.

A couple of times I have called you useless and now I think that might turn out to be unfair.

When you look at the players brought in we arguably have a better

squad than last season and also we are the club who has spent least money when you take into account money in and out.

And we are left with 30 million, enough to pay for the new academy.

Well done to the board.  
**saintand266**

Have to put my hands up and admit I was one of those who panicked two months ago.

I don't apologise for that, given what was going on, but I do accept I was wrong.

We have a solid squad now, arguably even stronger than last year

in terms of depth.

If they can gel, I can see us having a very good season and finishing where we did last season.

A little disappointed to see Ramirez go as I think he makes a useful substitute (remember his impact against West Brom at home last season), but I can also see that it's a fair deal for all concerned.

Relieved to see Hoover off, but also grateful for all his work for us over the past few years.

He was great for us in the Championship and was seemingly a popular squad member.

Shame he couldn't quite step up to

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## WELL ... IN THE END!

**HAPPY ENDING:** Ralph Krueger, Katharina Liebherr and Les Reed came under fire in the summer, but most Saints fans seem happy with the overall transfer window business.

**SIGNINGS:** Graziano Pelle and Dusan Tadic, left and, Ryan Bertrand, right.



the top level.

Here's to a fantastic 2014-15. COYS. and/or

They said to judge them on the team at the close of the window.

Well I am prepared to say job well done, the season ahead looks exciting with players who want to be here.

We will not miss the deserters. Saintsincethe60s

So pleased with these 2 signings and keeping hold of MS, JC and JR.

The squad appears to be stronger than last year and RK can now gel his team to deliver great things.

I was really worried about what happened at the beginning, however the board asked us to judge them and the squad by the end of the transfer window.

I am very happy and have to say well done Les Reed, Ralph and thank you to KL for continuing to back our great football team.

COYR07

If Carling made transfer days ... 2 quality new additions and JRod, Corkie and Morgan stay put !!!

Well done RonKon and Les. A great window for Saints.

Buddy SFC

Surprised and yet not surprised at Gaston going.

I think most people really wanted him to succeed but in the end, he never did it consistently.

I have absolutely no idea what these two new players are like so we will have to wait and see but so far, bar Taider, all Koemans signings have looked good.

Pelle was always going to have the hardest task, scoring goals in the premiership and replacing Lambert, but if he can weigh in with 16 or more goals a season then he'll be doing well.

Jonny7oma

Clever business for Gaston.

If he does well at Hull, we will hopefully reap the rewards either by playing him in the future or preserving his transfer fee for any future sale.

If he does not do so well, then we will have perhaps avoided another season by trying to integrate him into our squad, with it failing.

garyom71

It's only right and proper to say that yesterday our Board played an absolute blinder!

Toby looks one of the buys of the season. By any club.

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#### Everton

In: Gareth Barry (Manchester City) Free, Romelu Lukaku (Chelsea) £28m, Brendan Galloway (MK Dons) Undisclosed, Christian Atsu (Chelsea) Loan, Samuel Eto'o (Chelsea) Free.  
Out: Magaye Gueye (Millwall) Free, John Lundstram (Blackpool) Loan, Matthew Kennedy (Hibernian) Loan, Hallam Hope (Sheffield Wednesday) Loan.  
Released - Mason Springthorpe, Apostolos Vellios, Shane Duffy (Blackburn Rovers) Undisclosed

#### Hull City

In: Jake Livermore (Tottenham) £8m, Robert Snodgrass (Norwich) £7m, Tom Ince (Blackpool, tribunal), Harry Maguire (Sheffield United) £2.5m, Andrew Robertson (Dundee United) £2.85m, Brian Lenihan (Cork City) Undisclosed, Michael Dawson (Tottenham) Undisclosed, Abel Hernandez (Palermo) £10m, Mohamed Diame (West Ham) Undisclosed, Gaston Ramirez (Southampton) Loan.  
Out: Matty Fryatt (Nottingham Forest) Free, Conor Henderson (Crawley) Free, Cameron Stewart (Ipswich) Free, Mark Oxley (Hibernian) Loan, Robert Koren (Melbourne City) Free, Shane Long (Saints) £12m, George Boyd (Burnley) £3m.  
Released: Joe Dudgeon, Abdoulaye Faye, Eldin Jakupovic.

#### Leicester City

In: Jack Bamby (Manchester United) Free, Matthew Upson (Brighton and Hove Albion) Free, Ben Hamer (Charlton Athletic) Free, Marc Albrighton (Aston Villa) Free, Leonardo Ulloa (Brighton) £8m, Louis Rowley (Manchester United) Free, Danny Simpson (QPR) Undisclosed, Esteban Cambiasso (Inter Milan) Free.  
Out: George Taft (Burton Albion) Free, Lloyd Dyer (Watford) Free, Zac Whitbread (Derby) Free, Paul Gallagher (Preston) Loan, Ben Frensham (Ross County) Free, Conrad Logan (Rochdale) Loan, Ryan Watson (Northampton) Loan.  
Released: Marko Futacs.



**RICKIE LAMBERT**

#### Liverpool

In: Rickie Lambert (Saints) Undisclosed, Adam Lallana (Saints) £25m, Emre Can (Bayer Leverkusen) £10m, Lazar Markovic (Benfica) £20m, Dejan Lovren (Saints) £20m, Divick Origi (Lille) £10m, Javier Manquillo (Atletico Madrid) Loan, Alberto Moreno (Sevilla) £12m, Mario Balotelli (AC Milan) £16m.  
Out: Luis Alberto (Malaga, loan), Jakub Sokolik (Yeovil) Loan, Luis Suarez (Barcelona) £75m, Iago Aspas (Sevilla) Loan, Divick Origi (Lille) Loan, Conor Coady (Huddersfield) Undisclosed, Tiago Ilori (Bordeaux) Loan, Michael Ngoo (Kilmarnock) Free, Joao Carlos Teixeira (Brighton) Loan, Martin Kelly (Crystal Palace) Undisclosed, Pepe Reina (Bayern Munich) Undisclosed, Brad Smith (Swindon) Loan, Daniel Agger (Brondby) Undisclosed, Jordan Ibe (Derby) Loan, Jack Robinson (QPR) Undisclosed, Sebastian Coates (Sunderland) Loan, Oussama Assaidi (Stoke) Loan. Released - Stephen Sama.

#### Manchester City

In: Bacary Sagna (Arsenal) Free, Fernando (Porto) £12m, Willy Caballero (Malaga) £8m, Frank Lampard (New York) Loan, Eliaquim Mangala (FC Porto) £32m, Bruno Zuculini (Racing Club) Undisclosed.  
Out: Jack Rodwell (Sunderland) £10m, Costel Pantilimon (Sunderland) Free, Joleon Lescott (WBA) Free, Alex Henshall (Ipswich) Free, Gareth Barry (Everton) Free, Emrys Huws (Wigan) Loan, Andre Wisdom (West Brom) Loan, Reece Wabara (Doncaster) Free, Devante Cole (Barnsley) Loan, Jason Denayer (Celtic) Loan, Javi Garcia (Zenit St Petersburg) £13m, Greg Leigh (Crewe) Loan, Micah Richards (Fiorentina) Loan, Emrys Huws (Wigan) Undisclosed, Alvaro Negredo (Valencia) Loan.  
Released: Alex Nimely.

#### Manchester United

In: Ander Herrera (Athletico Bilbao) £29m, Luke Shaw (Saints) £27m, Marcos Rojo (Sporting Lisbon) £16m, Angel Di Maria (Real Madrid) £59.7m, Daley Blind (Ajax) £13.8m, Radamel Falcao (Monaco) Loan.  
Out: Federico Macheda (Cardiff City) Free.

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### Manchester United

Out: Jack Barnby (Leicester City) Free, Nemanja Vidic (Inter Milan) Free, Alex Buttner (Dynamo Moscow) £4.4m, Patrice Evra (Juventus) £1.2m, Louis Rowley (Leicester) Free, Rio Ferdinand (QPR) Free, Bebe (Benfica) £2.4m, Nani (Sporting Lisbon) Loan, Angelo Henriquez (Dinamo Zagreb) Loan, Wilfried Zaha (Crystal Palace) Loan, Shinji Kagawa (Borussia Dortmund) Undisclosed, Tom Cleverley (Aston Villa) Loan, Javier Hernandez (Real Madrid) Loan. Released: Ryan Giggs.

### Newcastle United

In: Ayoze Perez (Tenerife) £1m, Jack Colback (Sunderland) Free, Siem de Jong (Ajax) £6m, Daryl Janmaat (Feyenoord) Undisclosed, Emmanuel Riviere (Monaco) £5m, Facundo Ferreyra (Shakhtar Donetsk) Loan, Karl Darlow (Nottingham Forest) Undisclosed, Jamaal Lascelles (Nottingham Forest) Undisclosed.  
Out: Conor Newton (Rotherham United) Free, Dan Gosling (Bournemouth), James Tavernier (Wigan) Undisclosed, Sylvain Marveaux (Guingamp) Loan, Mathieu Dubuchy (Arsenal) Undisclosed, Shola Ameobi (Gaziantep BB) Free, Adam Campbell (Fleetwood) Loan, Mapou Yanga-Mbiwa (Roma) Loan.  
Released: Michael Richardson.

### Queens Park Rangers

In: Steven Caulker (Cardiff) Undisclosed, Rio Ferdinand (Manchester United) Free, Mauricio Isla (Juventus) Loan, Jordan Mutch (Cardiff) £6m, Leroy Fer (Norwich) £8m, Alex McCarthy (Reading) Undisclosed, Jack Robinson (Liverpool) Undisclosed, Sandro (Tottenham) £6m.  
Out: Tom Hitchcock (MK Dons) Free, Esteban Granero (Real Sociedad) Undisclosed, Gary O'Neil (Norwich) Free, Mo Shariff (Bradford) Non-contract, Joe Lumley (Accrington Stanley) Loan, Julio Cesar (Benfica) Free, Loic Remy (Chelsea) £10.5m, Danny Simpson (Leicester) Undisclosed, Jack Robinson (Huddersfield) Loan.



SHANE LONG

### SAINTS

In: Dusan Tadic (FC Twente) £10.9m, Graziano Pelle (Feyenoord) £8m, Ryan Bertrand (Chelsea) Loan, Saphir Taider (Inter Milan) Loan, Florin Gardos (Steaua Bucharest) £6m, Shane Long (Hull) £12m, Fraser Forster (Celtic) £10m, Toby Alderweireld (Aston Villa) Loan, Saido Mane (Salzburg) £10m.  
Out: Andy Robinson (Bolton Wanderers) Free, Tom Leggett (Aston Villa) Free, Isaac Nehemie (Aston Villa) Free, Danny Fox (Nottingham Forest) Free, Rickie Lambert (Liverpool) Undisclosed, Lee Barnard (Southend, free), Adam Lallana (Liverpool) £25m, Luke Shaw (Manchester United) £27m, Dejan Lovren (Liverpool) £20m, Calum Chambers (Arsenal) £12m, Dani Osvaldo (Inter Milan) Loan, Jonathan Forte (Oldham), Billy Sharp (Leeds) Free, Jordan Turnbull (Swindon) Loan, Gaston Ramirez (Hull) Loan, Jack Stephens (Swindon) Loan, Jos Hooiveld (Norwich) Loan.  
Released: Guly do Prado.

### Stoke City

In: Phil Bardsley (Sunderland) Free, Steve Sidwell (Fulham) Free, Mame Biram Diouf (Hannover) Free, Dionatan Teixeira (Banska Bystrica) Undisclosed, Bojan Krkic (Barcelona) Undisclosed, Victor Moses (Chelsea) Loan, Oussama Assaidi (Liverpool) Loan.  
Out: Michael Kightly (Burnley) Undisclosed, Cameron Jerome (Norwich) Undisclosed, Jamie Ness (Crewe) Loan, James Alabi (Accrington) Loan, Ryan Shotton (Derby County) Loan.  
Released: Juan Agudelo, Matthew Etherington.

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# FANS GIVE DEALS

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In fact, it's not too much to use the word coup. I mean, he played in the last Champions League final for goodness sakes, as well as reaching the World Cup quarters.

Mane I know less about, but apparently City have been all over him for a while, and he's certainly the right age and plays in a fluid way given the number of positions he can occupy.

Lastly, and most importantly, Ralph showed he's a man of substance (a rare thing in the footballing world, by sticking to his guns over Morgan).

All in all, the best day our club has had for quite some time.

**Saint Clements**

Now we are talking. Les, looks like you got there in the end!

Biggest plus is keeping Morgan, Jay & Jack. Not sure why Toby is just a loan, probably ran out of time to do a permanent deal.

However he looks to be a quality CB and cover at RB giving RonKo options of playing a back three, the right age two.

I don't know enough about Sadio Mane and hope he is not another Mayuka, but if he can step up to the premiership then we may have solved two positions (Winger & Goalscorer) with one player.

Sad to see Gaston leave but he needs to be playing every week now.

However there has to be questions as to why £25m was spent on two players yet we are unable to sell them, both on loan with their values falling whilst other teams get the benefit of them.

Just hope we have not bought any more like them and Mayuka.

Good move away for Hoover and RonKo didn't like Taider, so dealt with.

This is now Ronald Koeman's team and finally it now looks to be as strong, possibly stronger than last seasons if all the new players do well.

The only mistakes were not keeping Chambers, plus paying double what Shane Long is worth, so it does not seem to have turned out to bad after all.

They now need to settle down as a team and prove they are better than last seasons by finishing at least 7th.

**NC Fan4Life**

In Ron, Les and Kat we trust. I believe we now have a much stronger squad than last season!

**COYR**

**maybush saint**

Would be nice to see Jack Corke get a contract as the icing on the cake.

**wellow saint**

I declare the negativity season closed.

**Confucious**

Have to be happy with summer signings and, especially, keeping Morgan - also JRod and Jack.

Hope Ramirez and Jos do well - Jos in particular has been a great servant to the club.

Hats off to the board and owners. Now Koeman has his own team.

## Saints board win over the fans with transfer business

**STAYING AND GOING: Gaston Ramirez joined Hull, but Morgan Schneiderlin stayed at St Mary's and, far right, Florin Gardos.**

Looking forward to seeing the new signings (quickly) settle in and gel. Let's get some points on the board.  
**Stokesofdublin**

Well done Ron and the team, just what we needed. We will have a great season now but give the new boys time to settle in.

This is a team for the future plus the youngsters waiting in the wings.

**Newmarket Saint**

I want to thank Katherina for re-investing the money, proving her intent on improving our team through these deals, and the acumen demonstrated by the board and



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# Saints Spotlight



## THE THUMBS UP



Koeman for scooping these players up right out of the clutches of some more 'prominent' clubs.

You deserve some positive feedback for getting some quality players in and coming out tops financially.

**KiwiSaint74**

We now have a stronger squad than last season with more options in key areas.

The club kept to their word and didn't allow spider and/or J-Rod to leave, which is fantastic news.

We now push on and try to beat last seasons position, Spurs and Everton are both targets who we can catch and

pass.

Man U look to not be worried about conceding goals and will try to win games by outscoring their oppos. Dangerous tactic from them and it could easily fail, so we could catch them as well!

I'm in my best happy clappy mood tonight! I'm glad my faith and support of the club has been rewarded!

**de Heiligen paard 101**

So now that it's all done and dusted how do things look?

We've lost a few good players this summer, most of who were valued this time last year at around what we've just paid out for Long, Mane etc, and sold for twice or more this year.

We've since brought in a load of new players who look to be pretty handy. And as we've seen so far Koeman can fashion a decent side from the squad.

A squad, let's remember, that is far stronger and deeper than we had the previous 2 seasons so we can expect exciting times to continue.

And there's still a sizeable chunk of money in the kitty to use in January if necessary.

So are there still people out there still thinking Reed should be ceremoniously disfigured in public or that Krueger should be extradited to Canada?

Will people still stoop to spitting out venomous insults of the most vile, personal nature against the club's owner?

Let's hope not.

Because all those rants about lack of ambition, about asset stripping, about telling lies to the fans and settling for simple survival or mid table existence have all come to nought and the likes of Pochettino and Cortese have been proved wrong.

Now it's time to let bygones be bygones and get back to the real business at hand - supporting the players, all the management, the Board - the whole club.

And time to remember that together we are the Saints and therefore we don't hate ourselves.

**Shareholder**

Two great signings and, despite all the departures, our squad is looking strong for the season ahead.

Bit disappointed about Ramirez, however, as he's obviously got a lot of talent and I thought this could be his year to shine with a run of games.

**SaintSteve76**

Got to give a pat on the back to Ralph, Les and the new board.

Well done.

Huge learning curve for them. They haven't always got things right but this will make them stronger as a board for next time we face a crisis.

I have no idea what Ron & Co's new Saints line up is capable of but it is an exciting time to be a Saints fan.

**deepheat**

They kept their promise, what a summer we have had.

Pleased it has all turned out well and we can now look forward to the rest of the autumn until January anyway.

RK has the making of a very good squad of players and if he is serious about the cups then I have no worries about them.

Play a strong team at Arsenal then we won't have any problems.

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### Premier League ins and outs - summer transfer window

#### Sunderland

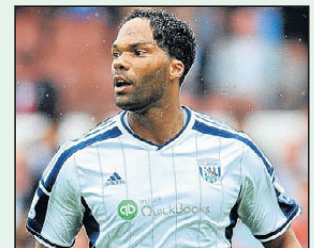
In: Jordi Gomez (Wigan Athletic) Free, Billy Jones (West Bromwich Albion) Free, Costel Pantilimon (Manchester City) Free, Patrick van Aanholt (Chelsea) Undisclosed, Jack Rodwell (Manchester City) £10m, Will Buckley (Brighton) Undisclosed, Sebastian Coates (Liverpool) Loan, Ricardo Alvarez (Inter Milan) Loan.  
Out: Billy Knott (Bradford City) Free, Phil Bardsley (Stoke City) Free, Craig Gardner (West Bromwich Albion) Free, Jack Colback (Newcastle United) Free, John Egan (Gillingham) Free, Kieren Westwood (Sheffield Wed) Free, Jordan Pickford (Bradford) Loan, Ignacio Scocco (Newell's Old Boys) £2.1m, Scott Harrison (Hartlepool) Loan, Carlos Cuellar (Norwich) Free, El-Hadji Ba (Bastia) Loan.  
Released: Andrea Dossena, Oscar Ustari, David Vaughan.

#### Swansea City

In: Lukasz Fabianski (Arsenal) Free, Bafetimbi Gomis (Lyon) Free, Marvin Emmes (Middlesbrough) Free, Gyfi Sigurdsson (Tottenham) Undisclosed, Jefferson Montero (Monarcas Morelia) Undisclosed, Federico Fernandez (Napoli) Undisclosed, Giancarlo Gallifuoco (unattached), James Demetriou (Nottingham Forest) Free, Modu Barrow (Ostersunds) Undisclosed.  
Out: Ben Davies (Tottenham) Undisclosed, Michel Vorm (Tottenham) Undisclosed, Alejandro Pozuelo (Rayo Vallecano) Undisclosed, Leroy Lita (Barnsley) Free, Chico Flores (Lekhwiya SC) Undisclosed, Alex Bray (Plymouth) Loan, Jose Canas (Espanyol) Free.  
Released - Jernade Meade, David Ngog, Darnel Situ,

#### Tottenham Hotspur

In: Ben Davies (Swansea) Undisclosed, Michel Vorm (Swansea) Undisclosed, Eric Dier (Sporting Lisbon) £4m, DeAndre Yedlin (Seattle) Undisclosed, Federico Fazio (Sevilla) Undisclosed, Benjamin



**JOLEON LESCOTT**

Stambouli (Montpellier) Undisclosed.

Out: Heurelho Gomes (Watford) Free, Jake Livermore (Hull) £8m, Gwion Edwards (Crawley) Undisclosed, Kenny McEvoy (Peterborough) Loan, Gyfi Sigurdsson (Swansea) Undisclosed, Alex Pritchard (Brentford) Loan, Jordan Archer (Northampton) Loan, Shaquille Coulthirst (Southend) Loan, Iago Falque (Genoa) Undisclosed, Ryan Fredericks (Middlesbrough) Loan, Michael Dawson (Hull) Undisclosed, Jonathan Obika (Swindon) Undisclosed, Lewis Holtby (Hamburg) Loan, Zeki Fryers (Crystal Palace) Undisclosed, Sandro (QPR) £8m.  
Released: Cameron Lancaster

#### West Bromwich Albion

In: Craig Gardner (Sunderland) Free, Joleon Lescott (Man City) Free, Chris Baird (Burnley) Free, Andre Wisdom (Liverpool) Loan, Brown Ideye (Dynamo Kiev) £10m, Cristian Gamboa (Rosenborg) Undisclosed, Jason Davidson (Heracles) Undisclosed, Georgios Samaras (Celtic) Free, Sebastian Blanco (Metalist Kharkiv) Undisclosed.  
Out: Billy Jones (Sunderland) Free, Liam Ridgwell (Portland Timbers) Free, Steven Reid (Burnley) Free, Cameron Gayle (Shrewsbury) Free, George Thorne (Derby) Undisclosed, Donervon Daniels (Blackpool) Loan.  
Released: Scott Allan, Nicolas Anelka, Zoltan Gera, Diego Lugano.

#### West Ham United

In: Mauro Zarate (Velez Sarsfield) Undisclosed, Cheikhou Kouyate (Anderlecht) Undisclosed, Aaron Cresswell (Ipswich) Undisclosed, Diego Poyet (Charlton) Free, Enner Valencia (Pachuca) £12m, Diafra Sakho (FC Metz) Undisclosed, Alex Song (Barcelona) Loan, Morgan Amalfitano (Marseille - West Ham) Undisclosed.  
Out: Joe Cole (Aston Villa) Free, Stephen Henderson (Charlton) Free, Raphael Spiegel (Crawley) Loan, Jordan Spence (MK Dons) Free, George Moncur (Colchester) Loan, Mohamed Diame (Hull) Undisclosed.  
Released: Jack Collison, Callum Driver, George McCartney.

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# Saints Spotlight



## 2014 transfer window – five of the best deals

AFTER the transfer window drew to a close this week, the Sports Pink looks at some of the best deals done this summer.

### DALEY BLIND (Ajax to Manchester United)

While United stole the headlines with their dramatic swoop to bring in Radamel Falcao in what looks a drastically expensive loan move, it was the signing of Daley Blind which could help the most given United's obvious deficiencies in midfield and defence. Blind, 24, knows Louis van Gaal and his methods well, which should prove very useful given how slowly it seems the rest of United's rear-guard are getting their heads around them. And at £14million, he is the cheapest of United's senior signings.

### DIEGO COSTA (Atletico Madrid to Chelsea)

They say 'you get what you pay for' and here, Chelsea have spent big - reportedly £32million - on a player who looks set not only to address their problems up front, but possibly steer the club to the Barclays Premier League title. The Spain international has made a flying start for his new side, netting four goals in three games as part of a 100 per cent opening to the campaign by the Blues.

### CESC FABREGAS (Barcelona to Chelsea)

Another expensive acquisition, the fee this time believed to be in the region of £30million - but again, it is easy to see why the cash has been splashed.

The early signs are that the Spain midfielder may be an even better player than the one who left Arsenal as a true Premier League star in 2011.

### CALUM CHAMBERS (Southampton to Arsenal)

Not the most high-profile departure among the exodus from St Mary's over the summer, but Chambers was known to be a player of great promise and has certainly made a big impression in Arsenal's defence so far following his switch for a reported £16million, earning a first call-up to the full England squad.



### HATEM BEN ARFA (Newcastle to Hull)

Steve Bruce arguably had the best deadline day of any Premier League manager as he completed something of a summer overhaul with the arrivals of Abel Hernandez, Mohamed Diame and Saints enigma Gaston Ramirez. But it was the late, late arrival of Newcastle outcast Hatem Ben Arfa which had the fans most excited.

When his mind is right, the Frenchman is one of the most exciting attacking midfielders in the league and if Bruce can get him back on track after a frustrating year in the north east, he will give Hull a new dimension.

# TRANSFER WINDOW

## Saints keep their cool in silly season

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Let's go and get the points and wins that will take us to new highs.  
COYR's. (Can't wait for Newcastle).  
**durham87saint**

We also kept Morgan, Artur, Jay Rod and Jack Cork.

Made up or what!  
**J7junctionseven**

Well, an exhausting but very satisfying day. Great last minute business by our board and sensible loan deals.

I see a couple of them are only until January. What a squad we now have.

Ronko is aiming for 7th or 6th. If the top teams (except Chelsea) do not get their act together soon and we can, then we could make Europe this season - but more likely next season.

**nomorerumours**

We kept Cork, Boruc, Jay Rod and Spider - almost as good as new signings!

Sorry, better than new signings - we know 100% they are quality.

We have a world class central midfielder, another versatile quality central midfielder, quality attacker, quality back-up keeper.

A successful final day for the Saints.  
**SaintJD**

The Gaston deal makes sense to me.

It's a season-long loan with no option to buy which gives him a year to play and get stronger and sharper and then come back to us.

It suits both parties,  
**St Van Roetford**

When Gaston was good, he was very, very good.

When he wasn't (which was more often than he was good) he wasn't.

Gaston is not and would not have been a deal breaker for any success that Saints can expect this season.

Good business.

If Gaston can master the EPL with someone else and with good results, let's have him back.

If not, let him go.

Sometimes I think too many of the people on this site treat players like their own kids.

RK doesn't; nor does Roko; nor does Les.

As a lifetime Saints fan, I don't either; it's about the club, the team and the results, not individuals.

It's a game; it's a business.

You either fit or you don't.

If you don't, you should go.

**St Gerard**

Great deals.

Sad to see the Hoover go and hope Ramirez gets his 1st team football.

Lambert, Shaw, Lallana, Lov(himself)ren, Chambers have been replaced with quality.

Give them time to gel and we still have a very bright future... and finish above Spurs, ManU and Liverpool!

Even with these two fantastic pieces of business, the best deal was keeping Morgan.

Also happy to see Jack and J-Rod stay but surprised to see Artur not move on (loan move to a Championship side?)

Once this team gels together we will be



Marching on for years to come!  
**Norwegian Saint**

A solid defence, that can play the ball out, backed up by a world class goalkeeper.

The midfield industry of Wanyama and JWP, the pace and guile of Tadic and Mane feeding into our increasingly prolific attack.

Sorry Lallana you wouldn't get in our team now.

**StVietnam**

Well, Ralph has truly delivered on his promises to keep Morgan and J-Rod and bolster the squad "by Sep 1st" (possibly even strengthen it - depending on the unknown quantities), whilst it would appear finding the cash to clear any monies owing from previous transfer purchases and other debts amassed under Cortese.

I think it would be fitting at this point for all of those who have levelled mindless insults at the chairman, owner and Les Read to retract their comments and admit there has never been anything but good intention from these parties.

For me, RK has shown he has a proper backbone after all and has done some great business for the club financially whilst taking

away nothing in the way of excitement from the pitch.

There is no reason now why we can't keep pushing upwards.

**bstokesaint**

Good business all round. Maybe paid too much for some, but got silly money in for most.

Would like to see Jack Cork signed up.

**Blandford Saints**

Looks like two quality additions to the Saints squad.

Koeman has clearly done a great job both off the field in persuading the players he has recruited to join Saints and on the field in getting the players to gel together quickly and playing some attractive passing football.

Surprised Ramirez has gone to Hull, but well pleased we were able to hang on to Schneiderlin and Rodriguez.

I'm full of optimism now, and looking forward to seeing where Saints sit in the table by Xmas when all the players have had a decent amount of time to play together, and Koeman

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## IS A BIG SUCCESS

**SIGNING:** Toby Alderweireld, main pic, and Sadio Mane, below, were late additions to Ronald Koeman's squad.



has implemented his playing philosophy. With Rodriguez due back in a couple of months or so, Saints are going to be a force to be reckoned with.

**Blackknight**

Tadic and Forster are nailed on successes. Pelle probably, Gardos we have not seen yet. I have seen Mane and what a handful...the defence is absolutely stronger than last two years now...never thought I would say that.

I have been sick as a parrot over the summer because of what at the time 'was' the wholesale and unprecedented destruction of much of our team with no obvious plan...

...for those who

had in hindsight 'justifiable' blind faith, well done, but seriously if your missus went out every night and came in the early hours, told you several things that at the time clearly did not add up then tell me you would not be very concerned. The fact she has taken a secret part time job and was working for your interest would not stop the doubt at the time.

I digress. Last year our possession was a joy to behold but it would be naive to ignore the lack of cutting edge and the nervousness when we had to play Hooiveld.

Long was identified long ago as fitted to our style so who can tell if this is wrong or right yet.

Ramirez and Osvaldo never delivered, Pelle already has ... so even this Saints fan can see that the complaints of last year have been seriously addressed.

One thing I do like is that when we play our style has not changed, meaning the team ethic and style remains.

Perhaps therefore some of the players who left were made to look

good by the collective

If this works, it will work big.

I see no middle ground we will either flatter to deceive, because of the Spam result, or the pieces will all fit (looks likely) and we will keep the best of last year and dispose of the worst.

**warrens 76**

Thank you Katherina Liebherr for reinvesting the transfer funds to allow Ronald Koeman to build his own team.

Well done to Les Reed for getting these last two deals (despite big competition) over the line and avoiding banana skin signing like Rojo and Townsend along the way.

All bar Chambers of the summer sales made sound financial and football sense now that we can see the funds have been invested so wisely.

Keeping Morgan was massive - so great leadership from Ralph Krueger for making that stick.

We have strengthened in every department, and goal scoring will look a whole lot better once J-rod is fit again.

Second half at West Ham started to show what Ronald Koeman is building toward, we were strong, fast and played a direct style with skill on the ball.

Koeman definitely has a Plan B and will take the cups seriously (he has already stated that he wants silverware within his first three years).

We will definitely finish in the top 12 this season and if he can get the new guys to gel quickly we could even surpass last season's finish.

The dark days of July seem an eternity ago!

Come on you Saints.

**Blind Faith Believer**

Fair play to the board as the cash from sales seems to have strengthened the whole squad and that is the same for the manager.

We're still to see a few of the new signings play so hard to tell what sort of quality they are, but on paper a thumbs up for sure.

Sad to see Hoover go and Gaston never really got a good run going in the team.

The board have shown intent and should keep the fans happy this season.

My only concern is if we have another successful season and the wolves come knocking again.

Maybe RK will build his house from bricks?

**domni1437**

I have been critical of the board in the past but after their sterling efforts over the recent weeks admit that I was wrong.

I just wish that they had explained the situation better at the time.

The team is now stronger than before and once they have got to know each other will be a force to be reckoned with.

The most enjoyable deadline day for a long time if a little tense at the end.

**saintmac**

### 2014 window – five of the best overseas deals

As the likes of Diego Costa, Alexis Sanchez and Radamel Falcao arrived in the Barclays Premier League this summer, Europe's top sides were also busy trying to improve their squads; at the same time snatching many players from the grasp of English clubs.

From big-money signings down to cut-price bargains, this year's summer transfer window finally closed this week.

Here, the Sports Pink picks out five of the best European transfers.

#### Alessio Cerci - Torino to Atletico Madrid

The versatile Italy international was reportedly a transfer target for Arsenal on deadline day, but sealed a move to last year's Primera Division champions Atletico Madrid.

The 27-year-old forward, who can play on either wing or through the middle, joined on a three-year deal, and will undoubtedly bring a new attacking threat to Diego Simeone's side, who lost their talismanic striker Costa to Chelsea.

#### Ezequiel Garay - Benfica to Zenit St Petersburg

One player linked to a Premier League club only to instead choose to join Russian giants Zenit was 27-year-old centre-back Garay.

After being strongly linked with Manchester United, the Argentinian defender signed a five-year contract with last year's Russian Premier League runners-up, who are coached by Andre Villas-Boas.

Considered by many to be one of the best buys of the transfer window, Garay will bring with him a wealth of experience after also enjoying a successful World Cup campaign in Brazil.

#### Mehdi Benatia - Roma to Bayern Munich

A player who Blackpool reportedly once declined to sign for around £100,000 has now signed for European giants Bayern Munich for a fee understood to be in the region of £24 million.

The 27-year-old centre back has joined the German champions from Roma after the Italian side found a suitable replacement in Olympiacos' Kostas Manolas.

Once linked with Chelsea and Manchester United, Benatia will add to what is already a Bayern squad packed with quality and depth.

#### Vincent Aboubakar - Lorient to Porto

Hull boss Steve Bruce saw one of his biggest transfer targets snatched from his grasp as Vincent Aboubakar opted to join Porto.

The 22-year-old forward, who last season scored 17 times in Ligue 1 for Lorient, penned a four-year deal at the Estadio do Dragao, and is one of 11 new additions to the side, including Holland defender Bruno Martins Indi and on-loan Barcelona prospect Cristian Tello.

#### Javier Saviola - Olympiacos to Hellas Verona

The experienced former Argentina international will enjoy his first taste of Italian football with Hellas Verona after signing a one-year contract.

The former Barcelona and Real Madrid striker completed his transfer from Olympiacos, and has racked up over 200 goals at club level, as well as seven goals in 40 appearances for Argentina.

The 32-year-old will link up with prolific former Italy striker Luca Toni in Verona, creating an experienced strike force that may just prove to be deadly to Serie A defences.

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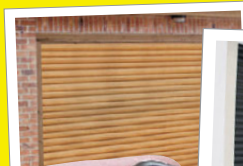
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## Hampshire fixtures 2014

### April

**6 Worcestershire (CC)** ..... **Ageas Bowl**  
Hampshire 263 (Ervine 93, Adams 67) and 27-1 drew with Worcestershire 350-7 (Coles 3-58)

**13 Gloucestershire (CC)** ..... **Bristol**  
Hampshire 422 (J Vince 144, A Wheeler 82) and 215-2 (M Carberry 100no, J Vince 58no) beat Gloucestershire 302 (K Abbott 5-67, J Tomlinson 4-68) and 322 by eight wickets.

**20 Derbyshire (CC)** ..... **Derby**  
Hampshire 328 (W Smith 70, J Gattling 67) and 236-3 (J Adams 84, J Vince 50no, M Carberry 47) drew with Derbyshire 399 (K Abbott 4-84).

**27 Surrey (CC)** ..... **Ageas Bowl**  
Hampshire 400-6 (J Vince 156, J Adams 65) drew with Surrey 99-2.

### May

**5 Cardiff MCCU (Uni)** ..... **Ageas Bowl**  
Hampshire 383-8 dec (L McManus 108) and 212-3 dec (L McManus 106\*) drew with Cardiff 173 all out and 165-4.

**11 Glamorgan (CC)** ..... **Ageas Bowl**  
Glamorgan 234 (S Ervine 3-36, M Coles 3-39, K Abbott 3-66) & 187 (J Tomlinson 3-40, K Abbott 3-43) lost to Hampshire 345 (M Carberry 66, L Dawson 64, J Vince 61) & 68-4 by 6 wickets.

**16 Glamorgan (t20)** ..... **Ageas Bowl**  
Glamorgan 161-7 (Briggs 3-23) beat Hampshire 151-6 by 10 runs.

**18 Leicestershire (CC)** ..... **Leicester**  
Hampshire 332-10 (Vince 70, Wheeler 57, Adams 40, Ervine 40, Abbott 40) & 338-9 dec (Smith 46, Gattling 44, Vince 56, Wheeler 46, Coles 83) beat Leicestershire 296-10 (Abbott 4-55, Tomlinson 4-49) & 96-10 (Briggs 4-13, Coles 3-24) by 278 runs.

**23 Sussex (t20)** ..... **Hove**  
Hampshire 177-5 (Vince 52) beat Sussex 159-5 by 18 runs.

**25 Middlesex (t20)** ..... **Northwood**  
Hampshire 198-2 (Vince 68, Shah 49) beat Middlesex 151-9 (Briggs 3-20) by 47 runs.

**30 Essex (t20)** ..... **Ageas Bowl**  
Essex 145-5 lost to Hampshire 146-2 (J Vince 57no, O Shah 50no) by eight wickets.

### June

**1 Derbyshire (CC)** ..... **Ageas Bowl**  
Hampshire 388 (A Wheeler 87, W Smith 82, J Adams 60, M Bates 50) & 214-5 dec (J Adams 67) drew with Derbyshire 257 (D Briggs 5-50, K Abbott 3-48) & 107-8 (J Tomlinson 3-16).

**5 Kent (t20)** ..... **Ageas Bowl**  
Hampshire 171-7 (M Carberry 73, J Adams 47) bt Kent 144-4 (D Briggs 3-28) by 27 runs.

**8 Worcestershire (CC)** ..... **New Road**  
Worcestershire 402-9 dec (D Balcombe 3-53) drew with Hampshire 219 (W Smith 67, J Vince 48) and 321-5 (M Carberry 125, G Maxwell 85).

**13 Somerset (t20)** ..... **Taunton**  
Somerset 176-4 bt Hampshire 175-7 (M Carberry 38) by one run.

**15 Essex (CC)** ..... **Ageas Bowl**  
Hampshire 286 & 440-3 dec (J Vince 240, W Smith 151no) bt Essex 121 (K Abbott 5-44, J Tomlinson 3-25) & 135 (K Abbott 3-23) by 470 runs.

**20 Gloucs (t20)** ..... **Ageas Bowl**  
Hampshire 180-6 (J Adams 69no, J Vince 39) beat Gloucestershire 178-8 (W Smith 3-26) by two runs.

**25 Glamorgan (t20)** ..... **Cardiff**  
Hampshire 170-6 (M Carberry 59, J Adams 52) bt Glamorgan 164-6 by 6 runs.

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# Hampshire Cricket Spotlight

## HAMPSHIRE SIGN UP

### Veteran jets in to bolster bowling attack

**JIMMY Adams is looking forward to being reunited with former teammate Andre Adams.**

Hampshire captain Adams played alongside his namesake for the Auckland Aces in 2010-11 and will be captaining him at The Ageas Bowl next year.

Nottinghamshire legend Adams will play for Hampshire during the first three months of next season and his captain is looking forward to having him lead the attack.

"He's a serious competitor; very, very experienced and an incredibly gifted bowler," said Adams. "I haven't played against him for a few years but he's every left handers' nightmare!"

"When people heard he was leaving Notts I'm sure many left-handers would have been happy to see the back of him but he's going to be around for a wee bit longer!"

"I haven't seen him for a while but he's a strong boy and if we can keep him fit he'll be a superb acquisition."

"I see no reason why he shouldn't do a very good job for us in the early part of the year, the three months that he's here."

"I'm delighted we were able to twist his arm. I owe him a few BBQs, he was a very good to me in Auckland and it will be good to see him."

"Benky (Hampshire coach Dale Benkenstein) knows him well too. I'm very much looking forward to having him about."



### Simon Walter

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"He'll be a good presence in the dressing room. As well as being a very strong, hard competitor, he's also a straight talker."

"At times we can be quite a nice changing room so it will be good to have him on board. He's got a wealth of experience behind him will be good for the bowlers to work with and for all of us. He's a real good signing."

Only one other New Zealander has taken more than Adams' 683 first-class wickets (at 23.75) – Sir Richard Hadlee.

A former New Zealand international, he has not played limited-overs county cricket for a few years and injuries have limited him to 20 Championship matches in the last two seasons.

But he has still taken 67 wickets at 28.98 in that time, including 36 at 28.13 this year (he has 344 Championship wickets at 24.18 for Notts overall).

"He's had an outstanding record for a number of years now and has gone well again this year," continued Hampshire's captain.

Andre will be 40 next July and was planning to retire and concentrate on coaching at Auckland before Hampshire came calling.

"He's looking at the coaching side of things and I think that will help us where we are with our bowling group," said Jimmy. "I don't want to get too carried away but he's going to be a very important part of our bowling unit."

**TEAMMATES:** Jimmy Adams, left, will be reunited with his former teammate Andre Adams, main pic.



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# Hampshire Cricket Spotlight



## ANDRE THE GIANT



**ANDRE Adams insists he is "excited" by the challenge of leading Hampshire's attack at the age of 40.**

The Kiwi will be 40 next July but will spend the next six months ensuring he is at his best for the opening match of the 2015 season.

He said: "I can't say for sure that I'm going to get through, but I'll do everything in my power to hit the season running during the six months I have off."

"I've played with Jimmy [Adams] and against Dale [Benkenstein] so both guys know my character pretty well."

"I won't come in unfit, I'll probably be in better shape than I have been for a few years."

"When you go to a new club you have to impress and that's certainly what I'll be looking to do."

"When you get to 39 you've seen a few things in cricket so the opportunity to work with different people is massive. When things become familiar they become dead easy."

"I want to test myself and it's exciting working with new people and having a new challenge."

"I'm also there to work with the young guys they have and impart some knowledge and I'm really looking forward to that."

"It's a good chance to test my man-management skills and dealing."

Adams was approached by Hampshire earlier this season.

"The idea was to retire at the end of the season for a number of reasons," he said. "One being a coaching role and the other being the fact that my son hits high school next year."

"I never thought of the short-term thing till halfway through the season, which is when it came to fruition."

"I didn't entertain the idea of a short-term deal, I thought I'd stay at home and enjoy a break get to work on coaching."

"The time was right for new blood at Notts, basically I encouraged it. It was time to move on, they've got enough senior heads

### ANDRE ADAMS CAREER STATS

#### Test Career Batting

M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	100	50
1	2	0	18	11	9.00	0	0

#### Test Career Bowling (2001/02)

Balls	M	Rns	Wkts	BB	Ave	5wl	10M
190	5	105	6	3-44	17.50	0	0

#### First-Class Career Batting

M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	100	50
170	232	23	4482	124	21.44	3	20

#### First-Class Career Bowling

Balls	M	Rns	Wkts	BB	Ave	5wl	10M
32,659	1297	16222	683	7-32	23.75	32	6

#### ODI Career Batting and Fielding

M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	100	50
42	34	10	419	45	17.45	0	0

#### ODI Career Bowling

Balls	M	Rns	Wkts	BB	Ave	5wl	10M
1885	15	1643	53	5-22	31.00	2	1

#### List A Career Batting and Fielding

M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	100	50
165	119	29	1504	90*	16.71	0	1

#### List A Career Bowling

Balls	M	Rns	Wkts	BB	Ave	5wl
7561	86	5957	209	5-7	28.50	3

#### International Twenty20 Career Batting

M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	100	50
4	2	1	13	7	13.00	0	0

#### International Twenty20 Career Bowling

Balls	M	Rns	Wkts	BB	Ave	5wl
77	0	105	3	2-20	35.00	0

#### Twenty20 Career Batting and Fielding

M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	100	50
71	42	14	417	54*	14.89	0	1

#### Twenty20 Career Bowling

Balls	M	Rns	Wkts	BB	Ave	5wl
1498	1	1914	87	5-20	22.00	2

and we had a good chat about it.

"Mick (Notts coach Mick Newell) and I get on great, he didn't say 'no' straight up, we had a conversation about it but decided it wouldn't work for Notts."

"I got a phone call a week later and that's how things kicked off

with Hampshire.

"As you get older your ability to stay effective gets shorter and shorter but three months at the start after six off is perfect timing."

"For me a three-month deal is the best way of getting value out of me."

## Hampshire fixtures 2014

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**27 Surrey (t20)** .....Oval  
Hampshire 131-9 lost to Surrey 137-2 by eight wickets.

**28 Surrey (CC)** .....Oval  
Surrey 474-8 and 13-0 drew with Hampshire 354 all out (Smith 82, Ervine 80, Adams 79)

### July

**4 Kent (t20)** .....Canterbury  
Hampshire 173-9 beat Kent 126 all out (Wood 4-24) by 47 runs.

**6 Somerset (t20)** .....Ageas Bowl  
Somerset 155-4 beat Hampshire 116 all out by 39 runs.

**7 Gloucestershire (CC)** .....Ageas Bowl  
Hampshire 297 (Balcombe 65\*) and 213-6 (Vince 63) drew with Gloucestershire 504-8 dec.

**11 Middlesex (t20)** .....Ageas Bowl  
Middlesex 173-6 bt Hampshire 123 by 50 runs.

**13 Essex (CC)** .....Colchester  
Hampshire 246 (A Wheeler 107, N Rimmington 65no) & 171 (M Carberry 56) lost to Essex 285 & 136-8 (L Dawson 4-58, D Briggs 4-61) by two wickets.

**18 Sussex (t20)** .....Ageas Bowl  
Hampshire 177-3 (M Carberry 87no, J Adams 52, S Ervine 32no) bt Sussex 171-8 (D Briggs 4-28) by six runs.

**22 Essex (t20)** .....Chelmsford  
Essex 167-9 (W Smith 3-17) lost to Hampshire 168-5 (M Carberry 57, M Coles 54) by five wickets.

**26 Derbyshire (RLC)** .....Derby  
Derbyshire 340-5 bt Hampshire 204 (M Carberry 55) by 136 runs.

**27 Lancashire (RLC)** .....Old Trafford  
Hampshire 360-9 (G Maxwell 146, S Ervine 64, W Smith 49, J Adams 41) bt Lancashire 212 by 148 runs.

**31 Gloucestershire (RLC)** .....Bristol  
Gloucestershire 233 bt Hampshire 198 (J Adams 48, W Smith 47) by 35 runs.

### August

**3 Notts (t20 QF)** .....Trent Bridge  
Notts 197-2 lost to Hampshire 198-5 (J Vince 93no, S Ervine 39) by five wickets.

**6 Leicestershire (RLC)** .....Ageas Bowl  
Hampshire 275-9 (S Terry 63, M Carberry 61) lost to Leics 186-4 by 6 wickets (Duckworth/Lewis method).

**8 Northants (RLC)** .....Ageas Bowl  
Hampshire 249 (W Smith 59, S Terry 53) v Northants 0-0 match abandoned.

**11 Worcs (RLC)** .....Ageas Bowl  
Hampshire 42-0, match abandoned.

**13 Essex (RLC)** .....Chelmsford  
Essex 324 bt Hampshire 319-9 (A Wheeler 135, J Vince 79) by five runs.

**14 Sri Lanka A (Tour)** .....Ageas Bowl  
Sri Lanka A 84-1, match abandoned.

**15 Kent (CC)** .....Canterbury  
Hampshire 380 (S Ervine 75, C Wood 61, W Smith 56) & 311-5 dec (J Adams 97, M Carberry 81, W Smith 74no) bt Kent 191 (C Wood 5-39) and 304 (M Coles 3-68) by 196 runs.

**21 Yorkshire (RLC)** .....Ageas Bowl  
Hampshire 172 (J Adams 91no) lost to Yorkshire 173-4 by 6 wickets.

**31 Leicestershire (CC)** .....Ageas Bowl  
Leicestershire 303 (M Coles 4-108) & 160 (M Coles 3-67) lost to Hampshire 497-8 (J Adams 231, M Carberry 110) by an innings and 34 runs.

### September

**15 Kent (CC)** .....Ageas Bowl

**23 Glamorgan (CC)** .....Cardiff

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Richard Morris, Bashley	14	14	1	1	2	179	628	48.31		
William Phillips, Alton	11	10	3	1	-	63	321	45.86		
*Cameron Valente, Totton & E	16	15	3	2	2	116	541	45.08		
Nick Baker, Bashley	13	13	-	5	-	94	538	41.38		
James Morris, Bashley	9	9	1	3	-	74	326	40.75		
Tom Friend, Ventnor	14	14	1	5	1	102	529	40.69		
Derek Kenway, Burridge	12	11	1	2	2	126	398	39.80		
Ben Walker, Havant	15	15	2	4	-	95	513	39.46		
*Damien Mortimer, Lymington	16	15	1	5	1	112*	543	38.79		
Scott Myers, Alton	15	13	3	2	1	101*	382	38.20		
Simon Beetham, Lymington	16	10	4	1	-	56*	228	38.00		
James Taylor, Totton & Eling	10	10	1	3	-	75	330	36.67		
Peter Hopson, Havant	16	15	1	3	1	108	512	36.57		
Ryan Hale, Alton	13	12	2	3	-	72*	356	35.60		
Darron Augustus, Totton & E	12	12	2	1	1	129*	346	34.60		
Richard Taylor, St Cross	15	12	5	1	-	54*	239	34.14		
Eddie Abel, South Wilts	14	14	-	3	1	101	477	34.07		
Neil Westhorpe, Ventnor	14	13	3	2	-	59*	335	33.50		
Jake George, Ventnor	12	12	-	1	1	175	395	32.92		
James Hayward, South Wilts	14	14	2	3	-	78	389	32.42		
James Haggaty, Totton & Eling	12	12	1	1	1	137	356	32.36		
Ben Duggan, Ventnor	10	10	-	2	-	83	319	31.90		
Matt Drakeley, St Cross	15	15	-	1	1	117	453	30.20		
Harry Hovey, Havant	16	13	2	2	-	76	327	29.73		
Tom Arnold, Totton & Eling	16	16	1	2	-	75	432	28.80		
Daniel Young, St Cross	7	7	-	2	-	53	201	28.71		
Jamie Richards, Burridge	14	14	2	2	1	114	335	27.92		
Jack Mynott, South Wilts	14	14	1	3	-	64*	359	27.62		
Steve Riddle, South Wilts	13	13	1	-	-	45	324	27.00		
Alex Styles, Burridge	11	10	1	2	-	69	241	26.78		
*Jaron Morgan, Bashley	14	14	3	1	-	54	288	26.18		
Michael Porter, Bashley	14	14	-	3	-	80	356	25.43		
Jordan Finney, St Cross	15	15	7	-	-	31*	202	25.25		
Ryan Scott, Lymington	16	15	-	1	-	53	357	23.80		
Lewis McManus, Academy/SC	11	11	-	-	-	74	251	22.82		
Ian Hilsun, Ventnor	12	11	-	2	-	59	248	22.55		
Tom Foyle, St Cross	12	12	-	-	-	35	225	22.50		
Ollie Mills, Ventnor	12	12	-	2	-	85	256	21.33		
Richard Ankers, Burridge	14	12	2	-	-	48*	212	21.20		
*Geoff Dods, Burridge	13	11	-	1	-	79	223	20.27		
James Brooke, St Cross	15	15	2	1	-	60	263	20.23		
Dom Hand, Lymington	16	15	3	1	-	72*	230	19.17		
Jake Goodwin, Academy	15	13	-	-	-	47	247	19.00		
Jamie Rood, Burridge	14	13	1	-	-	41	218	18.17		
Darren Cowley, Lymington	14	13	1	-	-	42	218	18.17		

BOWLING										
Ov	M Rns	5w	BB	Econ	Wkts	Avg				
James Hilberd, S Wilts	155.1	29 411	-	5-30	2.65	38	10.82			
Andrew Neal, Bashley	65.3	11 212	-	3-21	3.24	16	13.25			
Julian Ballinger, Alton	97.1	6 381	-	4-45	3.92	27	14.11			
James Morris, Bashley	59.5	8 172	-	4-12	2.87	12	14.33			
Ben Walker, Havant	105.1	20 282	-	4-23	2.68	19	14.84			
Ian Hilsun, Ventnor	76.3	12 255	-	1-6-28	3.33	16	15.94			
Chris Morgan, Havant	130.0	20 417	-	1-5-44	3.21	26	16.04			
*Dwayne Bowden, Alton	106.5	21 359	-	1-5-33	3.36	21	17.10			
Richard Hindley, Havant	142.3	16 362	-	1-6-35	2.54	21	17.24			
James Hayward, S Wilts	98.0	17 318	-	3-17	3.24	18	17.67			
Jack Myers, Alton	104.5	10 379	-	1-5-60	3.62	21	18.05			
Brad Taylor, Academy	125.3	30 335	-	4-24	2.67	18	18.61			
*Cameron Valente, T & E	176.3	29 637	-	1-5-46	3.61	32	19.91			
Stuart Ransley, Havant	96.4	7 381	-	1-5-54	3.94	19	20.05			
Sam Thomson, Bashley	193.2	33 630	2	6-78	3.26	31	20.32			
Richard Taylor, St Cross	182.5	28 696	-	4-30	3.81	33	21.09			
Stevie Matthews, Havant	129.3	11 467	-	4-33	3.61	22	21.23			
Steve Warner, South Wilts	62.1	6 284	-	4-30	4.57	13	21.85			
*Geoff Dods, Burridge	150.3	15 593	-	4-30	3.94	27	21.96			
*Damien Mortimer, Lym	47.2	4 198	-	3-17	4.18	9	22.00			
Scott Myers, Alton	96.0	9 375	-	4-29	3.91	17	22.06			
Paul McCann, Lymington	65.0	4 339	-	3-14	5.22	15	22.60			
James Taylor, T & Eling	81.2	15 283	-	3-21	3.48	12	23.58			
James Haggaty, T & Eling	90.3	15 357	-	4-57	3.94	15	23.80			
Adam Wilson, Ventnor	112.1	15 437	-	3-18	3.90	18	24.28			
Eddie Freeman, Lymington	85.3	12 341	-	1-5-61	3.99	14	24.36			
Nick McMurray, Burridge	159.1	25 587	-	4-49	3.69	24	24.46			
Jake Foley, S Wilts	121.3	19 466	-	1-6-54	3.84	19	24.53			
Mark Holmes, Ventnor	123.0	9 496	-	4-33	4.03	19	26.11			
Marc-A Eyssele, Ventnor	114.0	18 366	-	4-76	3.21	14	26.14			
Jordan Finney, St Cross	190.2	21 666	-	1-5-74	3.50	25	26.64			
Mason Crane, Academy	81.5	11 404	-	15-109	4.94	15	26.93			
Rob Franklin, South Wilts	186.0	30 594	-	4-70	3.19	22	27.00			
*Rohan Kandiah, Havant	123.0	13 441	-	1-5-50	3.59	16	27.56			
Darren Cowley, Lymington	133.1	13 506	-	4-74	3.80	18	28.11			
Harry Foyle, St Cross	95.0	10 423	-	3-23	4.45	15	28.20			
Ross Grierson, Bashley	129.1	22 435	-	2-26	3.37	15	29.00			
Matt Metcalfe, Lymington	185.2	37 610	-	3-35	3.29	20	30.50			
Seth Jackson, Burridge	110.1	12 458	-	3-26	4.16	14	32.71			
Ryan Murray, Academy	93.4	20 431	-	4-18	4.60	13	33.15			
Dylan Augustus, T & Eling	131.0	26 452	-	1-5-46	3.45	13	34.77			
Mark Augustus, T & Eling	114.4	12 569	-	1-5-74	4.96	16	35.56			
Greg Thew, Burridge	106.1	14 498	-	4-52	4.69	14	35.57			
Simon Beetham, Lym	105.5	14 439	-	4-16	4.15	12	36.58			
Tom Barber, Academy	109.0	13 536	-	3-49	4.92	11	48.73			

**CATCHES:** Richard Hindley (Havant) 12, Jake Foley (South Wilts) 12, Ben Walker (Havant) 11, Stuart Ransley (Havant) 11, Richard Morris (Bashley Rydal) 9, Scott Myers (Alton) 9, Jake George (Ventnor) 9, James Hayward (South Wilts) 8, Richard Ankers (Burridge) 8, Ed Green (St Cross Symondians) 8.

**WICKETKEEPING:** Tom Morton (South Wilts) 28, Dan Friedman (Bashley Rydal) 25, Jeremy Bulled (Havant) 19, Jamie Rood (Burridge) 19, Ed Ellis (Lymington) 16, Abeed Janohamed (Alton) 16, Mayy Drakeley (St Cross Symondians) 16.

### DIVISION 1

#### BATTING

	Mts	Inn	NO	50s	100s	HS	Runs	Avg
*Brad Schmullian, Bmouth	15	15	4	3	1	119*	521	47.36
Ben Thane, Hook & NB	11	11	2	3	1	113*	420	46.67
*Nono Pongolo, Hambledon	15	14	3	4	1	102*	513	46.64
*Byron Haycock, Andover	15	14	3	5	-	93*	473	43.00
Jack Lovett, Sarisbury	7	7	2	1	-	93	188	37.60

# NOTHING AVERAGE



**TOP GUN:** Tom Morton hit more than 800 runs for champions South Wilts.

## Final SEPL averages reveal the stars of the season in all four divisions

David Banks, Sarisbury	15	15	1	5	-	77	517	36.93
Harry Munt, Liphook	16	13	3	4	-	70*	364	36.40
Tom Gates, Fawley	13	13	-	1	1	126	449	34.54
Matthew Journeaux, Sarisbury	15	14	3	2	-	79	372	33.82
James Park, New Milton	14	14	1	4	-	90	439	33.77
David Taylor, Andover	15	14	-	3	1	121	463	33.07
Matt Mettam, Hursley Park	14	14	3	3	-	70*	341	31.00
Suman Ganguly, Liphook	16	15	3	3	-	74*	366	30.50
Tom Tennant, Hursley Park	13	13	1	2	-	68	365	30.42
Mark House, New Milton	14	14	-	1	1	115	401	28.64
J Collings-Wells, Hambledon	15	15	1	2	-	76	401	28.64
Jonathan Norris, Sarisbury	16	16	-	4	-	79	455	28.44
Jordan Hobday, Hook & NB	16	15	1	3	-	91	393	28.07
*Andrew Niblett, Basingstoke	9	8	-	2	-	68	2	
Ryan Covey, Liphook	16	15	-	4	-	81	416	27.73
Dan Coombs, Basingstoke	16	15	-	3	-	84	408	27.72
*John Dalton, Hursley Park	11	11	-	-	1	119	299	27.18
Nick Park, New Milton	12	12	3	2	-	67*	240	26.67
Ben Bridger, Bournemouth	12	12	-	2	-	89	312	26.60
Rob Atkins, Hambledon	11	10	1	2	-	81*	230	25.56
Martyn James, Basingstoke	16	15	1	2	-	73*	353	25.21
Glyn Treagus, Andover	14	13	-	2	-	68	324	24.92
Paul Marks, Fawley	16	16	2	1	-	81	346	24.71
Chris Ford, Basingstoke	14	13	1	2	-	66	295	24.58
Steve Bucksey, Basingstoke	9	9	2	1	-	72*	172	24.57
Ricky Rawlins, Sarisbury	15	15	-	1	-	64	348	23.80
Andy Parratt, Fawley	15	15	-	-	-	88	342	23.20
Harry Purley, Bournemouth	11	11	2	1	-	50	22	25.55
Giles Covey, Liphook	15	14	2	1	-	54	263	21.92
Nick Elliott, New Milton	14	12	1	1	-	54	225	20.45
Michael Kitson, Bournemouth	11	11	-	2	-	76	224	20.36
M Thakkar, Basingstoke	16	14	-	-	-	44*	199	19.90



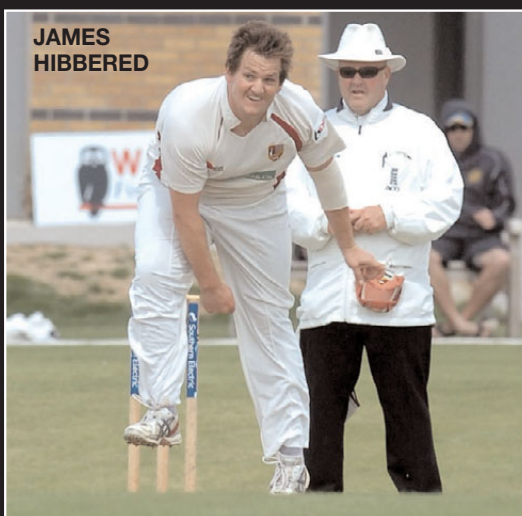
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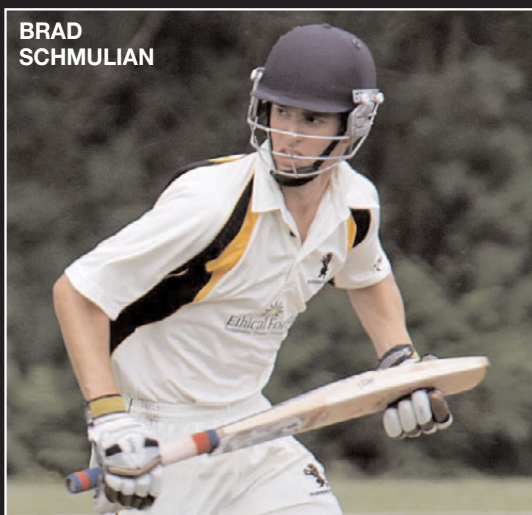
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BRAD SCHMULIAN



NICK ELLIOTT



Turner (Hambledon) 9.

**WICKETKEEPING:** Chris Martin (Liphook & Ripsley) 24, Kieran Earl (Fawley) 21, Ryan Beck (New Milton) 19, Robbie Hadfield (Andover) 18, Josh Buckingham (Hook & Newnham Basics) 16, Lawrence Bengie (Basingstoke & North Hants) 15, Matt Branford (Hursley Park)

## DIVISION 2

## BATTING

Mts	Inn	NO	50s	100s	HS	Runs	Avg
Jack Marston, Portsmouth	11	10	3	4	1	102	44.9
Connor Browne, Langley M	13	13	1	2	1	180	61.1
David Lloyd, Rowledge	16	13	3	3	1	100	43.9
Ben Johns, Calmore	16	15	2	2	1	158	54.9
Daniel Plume, Hartley W	15	13	2	5	-	64	44.8
*Ari Karvelas, Hartley W	15	13	1	3	1	148	48.4
Chris Board, Rowledge	14	12	2	4	-	70	40.0
Azeem Hamid, T & Eling II	8	7	-	1	1	101	27.0
*Scott Duggan, Paultons	13	13	2	1	1	115	42.1
Jack Hersh, Hartley W	13	13	1	2	1	104	45.3
Rob Newman, OT's & Romsey	15	14	-	4	1	107	52.3
Robert Jones, Portsmouth	11	11	4	2	-	70	25.6
Josh Metcalfe, Totton & Eling II	8	7	1	1	1	104	21.9
Mark Lavelle, Calmore Sports	16	15	1	1	1	128	48.2
Lewis Dunford, Sparsholt	13	11	2	3	-	71	30.9
Gareth Ransley, Havant II	12	11	1	2	1	104	32.4
Graham Noble, Langley Manor	12	12	-	2	1	140	38.6
David Gough, Sparsholt	12	10	-	2	-	93	30.6
*Ryan Felsch, Rowledge	16	14	3	3	-	96	33.3
Nigel Bungay, Totton & Eling II	8	8	1	1	-	68	20.6
Matthew Shaw, Portsmouth	11	11	1	2	-	62	29.1
Andrew Galliers, Havant II	12	12	2	2	-	90	29.1

Charlie King, OT's & Romsey	16	15	3	4	-	61	33.6	28.00
Steven Dean, Havant II	10	10	1	2	-	69	25.2	28.00
Eric Linge, Paultons	9	9	1	1	-	96	22.2	27.75
Ricky Yates, Rowledge	15	14	1	2	-	61	35.6	27.38
Gus Flack, OT's & Romsey	11	10	2	1	-	58	21.9	27.38
Peter Newman, OT's & Romsey	12	11	-	1	-	73	28.3	25.73
*Jayden de Rosa, Sparsholt	18	16	1	3	-	97	37.6	25.07
Dave Henderson, Portsmouth	14	10	1	1	-	57	22.1	24.56
Steve Harris, Langley M	15	14	-	2	-	76	34.0	24.29
Ieuan Wathe, OT's & Romsey	8	8	-	1	-	57	18.6	23.25
Stewart Magee, Paultons	10	10	-	1	-	62	22.8	22.80
Ed Jenner, Sparsholt	15	14	1	2	-	82	23.5	22.69
James Robson, Havant II	13	12	-	1	-	60	27.2	22.67
Naz Ayub, Langley M	15	15	1	-	-	49	31.5	22.50
Lee Wateridge, Paultons	8	8	-	-	-	39	17.7	22.12
Harry Collier, Portsmouth	15	15	1	2	-	57	30.6	21.86
Jack Budd, Langley Manor	15	15	-	2	-	99	32.6	21.73
Will Edwards, OT's & Romsey	14	11	2	-	-	40	19.4	21.56
Tim Vokes, Sparsholt	18	13	-	1	-	54	27.5	21.15
Farshaan Jemidar, Portsmouth	17	17	3	1	-	64	29.1	20.79
Peter Hayward, Havant II	13	9	-	-	-	42	18.3	20.33
Nick Morant, Rowledge	15	14	1	-	-	39	25.7	19.77
Ben Perry, Calmore	14	11	-	-	-	48	19.0	19.00

## BOWLING

	Ov	M Rns	5w	BB Econ	Wkts	Avg
Andy Denney, Paultons	108.2	22 326	-	6-4 3.01	26	12.54
Mark Lavelle, Calmore	113.0	11 426	2	5-31 3.77	32	13.3
Jody Kirkham-Brown, OT's	48.0	5 181	-	3-25 3.77	13	13.92
Chris Board, Rowledge	99.1	20 299	1	6-27 3.02	21	14.24
Steve Martin, Rowledge	89.4	10 337	-	3-6 3.76	23	14.65
David Lloyd, Rowledge	54.2	4 232	-	4-8 4.27	15	15.47

Graham Noble, Langley M	100.4	14	357	-	4-33	3.55	23	15.52	
Matth Maiden, Calmore	106.0	35	297	-	4-17	2.8	19	15.63	
Rob Newman, OT's & Romsey	109.0	12	336	-	3-23	3.08	21	16.00	
Michael Haworth, Sparsholt	93.3	14	340	-	1	5-33	3.64	21	16.19
Mark Teale, Hartley W	114.3	17	382	-	4-25	3.34	23	16.61	
David Gough, Sparsholt	79.3	5	370	-	4-38	4.65	22	16.82	
Tony Richman, Paultons	99.1	31	271	-	3-2	2.73	16	16.94	
Eric Linge, Paultons	77.0	10	261	-	1	5-41	3.39	15	17.40
*Hamish Blomfield, Langley	132.0	19	509	-	2	5-34	3.86	29	17.55
Mike West, Calmore	97.2	8	423	-	4-17	4.35	24	17.62	
*Ryan Felsch, Rowledge	138.2	27	497	-	3-19	3.59	27	18.41	
*Jayden de Rosa, Sparsholt	125.3	14	493	-	4-19	3.85	25	19.32	
Charlie King, OT's & Romsey	68.0	5	252	-	4-26	3.71	13	19.38	
*Patrick Burns, Portsmouth	153.5	15	622	-	1	5-39	4.04	32	19.44
Phil Loat, Havant	129.3	14	488	-	2	5-32	3.77	25	19.52
Peter Hayward, Havant	101.0	21	314	-	3-37	3.11	16	19.62	
Chris Jolley, Hartley W	110.1	17	436	-	4-24	3.96	21	20.76	
James Brown, Langley M	120.3	22	437	-	3-34	3.63	21	20.81	
James Rose, Calmore	84.4	5	388	-	4-31	4.58	18	21.56	
Tommy Flanders, Hartley W	68.0	4	325	-	4-41	4.78	15	21.67	
Robert Jones, Portsmouth	49.3	2	240	-	1	5-48	4.85	11	21.82
Farshaan Jemidar, Portsmouth	126.0	14	461	-	4-30	3.66	21	21.95	
Richard Forbes, Rowledge	139.0	35	379	-	4-35	2.73	17	22.29	
Harry Collier, Portsmouth	40.0	3	231	-	3-13	5.78	10	23.10	
Jack Mellett, Totton & Eling	68.4	1	394	-	1	6-38	5.91	17	23.18
Tim Vokes, Sparsholt	49.3	4	233	-	2-19	4.71	10	23.30	
Reuben McArdle, Portsmouth	79.3	5	398	-	4-23	5.01	17	23.41	
Alex Dilley, Sparsholt	102.0	10	495	-	4-31	4.85	21	23.57	
Ishfaq Ahmad, Portsmouth	74.0	6	307	-	4-20	4.15	12	25.58	
Jack Murrell, Paultons	84.0	10	359	-	3-23	4.27	14	25.64	
*Ari Karvelas, Hartley W	110.0	13	488	-	4-37	4.44	19	25.68	
Andy Marston, Portsmouth	99.0	24	311	-	3-21	3.14	12	25.92	

Jon Vokes, Sparsholt	113.0	11	474	-	3-38	4.19	17	27.88	
Peter Newman, OT's & Roms	76.0	3	335	-	4-26	4.41	12	27.92	
Luke Mooney, Totton & Eling	85.0	9	422	-	4-41	4.96	14	30.14	
Robert Noble, Langley Manor	56.0	2	303	-	2-9	5.41	10	30.30	
Steve Smith, OT's & Romsey	87.0	15	342	-	3-38	3.93	11	31.09	
Dan Croft, Calmore	123.0	37	375	-	1	5-19	3.05	12	31.25
Graham Burns, Havant	116.0	11	540	-	4-33	4.66	16	33.75	

**CATCHES:** Tim Vokes (Sparsholt) 11, Steve Smith (OT's & Romsey) 11, Richard Dibden (Totton & Eling) 10, \* Jayden Derosa (Sparsholt) 10, Chris Yates (Rowledge) 9, James Rose (Calmore Sports) 9, Ben Johns (Calmore Sports) 9, Jack Hersh (Hartley Wintney) 9.

**WICKETKEEPING:** Ben Wish (Rowledge) 17, Adam Gough (Sparsholt) 16, Richard Hill (Hartley Wintney) 15, \* Scott Duggan (Paultons) 15, Keith Trodd (OT's & Romsey) 12, Alex Hammond (Portsmouth) 11.

## DIVISION 3

## BATTING

	Mts	Inn	NO	50s	100s	HS	Runs	Avg
Jack Penn, Alton II	4	4	1	2	-	79	218	72.67
Alex Bass, Fair Oak	6	6	3	2	-	64	169	56.33
*Warren Ekstraal, Waterlooville	14	14	2	2	2	123	609	50.75
Steve Bucksey, Basingstoke II	7	7	3	1	-	66	196	49.00
Mark Heffernan, Alton II	15	14	3	4	-	77	517	47.00
James Scutt, Waterlooville	12	12	-	4	-	98	561	46.75
Chris Vaughan, Bashley II	5	5	1	2	-	93	174	43.50
Rob Wade, South Wilts II	10	8	3	2	-	79	190	38.00
Sam Hillman, Waterlooville	14	13	3	2	-	65	357	35.70
Jack Jenkins, St Cross II	9	9	1	1	-	62	267	33.38
Rob Pittman, South Wilts II	15	14	2	2	-	58	378	31.50
Henry Don, Tichborne Park	9	9	2	1	-	53	218	31.14
Asad Abbas, Fair Oak	14	14	1	3	-	61	402	30.92
Tom Farnworth, Portsmouth & S	8	8	1	2	-	71	210	30.00
Dean Nurse, Basingstoke II	8	8	2	1	-	63	178	29.67
Ed Kemp, Fair Oak	11	11	-	1	1	136	322	29.27
Tom Allam, Tichborne Park	15	14	1	3	1	101	377	29.00
Martin Cheyney, Tichborne Pk	14	14	1	3	-	60	370	28.46
Phillip Morris, Bashley II	13	12	2	2	-	61	281	28.10
Neil Thurgood, Bashley II	7	7	-	1	-	65	196	28.00
Muhammad Rizwan, Basingst II	8	8	-	2	-	73	223	27.88
Ed Pope, Trojans	6	6	-	-	-	48	159	26.50
Simon Williams, Trojans	8	8	1	2	-	69	185	26.43
Maxwell Goodard, Waterlooville	14	12	2	1	-	56	264	26.40
*Jake Roach, Tichborne Park	15	14	1	1	-	61	337	25.92
Tom Pearce, South Wilts II	14	13	-	1	1	108	336	25.85
Chris Chandler, Basingstoke II	16	13	2	3	-	67	284	25.82
Howard Gadsby, Alton II	13	13	-	1	-	50	333	25.62
Josh Digby, Bashley II	14	13	-	2	-	73	320	24.62
Dan Babbage, Trojans	14	12	-	1	-	67	292	24.33
Sam Pittman, S Wilts II	14	14	1	3	-	56	311	23.92
Lee Nurse, Basingstoke II	10	10	-	1	-	82	238	23.80
Thomas Hockenhill, Fair Oak	15	15	-	3	-	75	356	23.73
Matt Benfield, Portsmouth & S	16	16	2	3	-	69	330	23.57
Jack Davies, Portsmouth & S	16	16	-	2	-	80	369	23.06
Will Allam, Tichborne Park	14	12	-	3	-	63	272	22.67
James Truscott, Trojans	13	11	-	1	-	41	222	22.20
Richard Vinn, Basingstoke & NH II	8	8	-	-	-	44	174	21.75
Ed Boyd, Trojans	15	15	2	-	1	101	281	21.62
James Underwood, Bashley II	16	15	-	2	-	91	320	21.33
Andrew Fulton, Basingstoke II	8	8	-	1	-	69	169	21.12
William Wade, South Wilts II	13	13	1	-	-	48	252	21.00
Rhys Oxley, Fair Oak	14	14	-	2	-	73	293	20.93
Tom Benfield, Portsmouth & S	14	14	3	2	-	65	223	20.27

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	Ov	M Rns	5w	BB Econ Wkts	Avg
Simon Watkins, Bashley II	51.0	14 119	-	-3-10 2.33	13 9.15
Dominic Webb, S Wilts II	66.1	10 180	-	1-6-10 2.72	15 12.00
Josh Digby, Bashley II	57.3	15 189	-	3-20 3.29	15 12.60
Phillip Morris, Bashley II	58.0	11 183	-	4-25 3.16	14 13.07
James Rapson, Bashley II	95.2	11 360	-	2-5-23 3.78	26 13.85
Nathan White, Waterloo	51.0	6 181	-	1-5-41 3.55	13 13.92
Tom Paul, Alton II	49.3	6 184	-	3-18 3.72	13 14.15
Tom Allam, Tichborne Park	137.1	31 240	2	-7-7-2.61	31 14.19
Jamie Donaldson, Trojans	103.4	24 270	-	4-27 3.23	19 14.21
Lee Partner, Alton II	115.4	16 399	-	4-29 3.45	28 14.25
Greg Stewart, Fair Oak	73.1	7 308	-	4-7 4.21	19 14.21
Phys Oxyr, Fair Oak	112.1	21 412	-	1-5-18 3.67	25 16.48
*Jake Roach, Tichborne Park	133.3	21 468	-	1-5-35 3.51	28 17.61
Jai Solanki, Trojans	47.0	7 205	-	4-37 3.46	12 17.08
Will Allam, Tichborne Park	72.0	7 259	-	3-32 3.6	15 17.27
Alan Whitman, St Cross II	77.3	10 330	-	4-25 4.26	19 17.37
Alex Hughes, Alton II	118.0	20 417	-	4-20 3.53	24 17.38
Asad Abbas, Fair Oak	119.0	25 348	-	4-26 3.92	22 17.40
Dougie Butler, Tichborne Pk	106.5	12 240	-	4-33 3.74	22 18.18
Tom Pearce, South Wilts II	104.1	9 407	-	4-22 3.91	22 18.50
Neil Taylor, Bashley II	71.4	13 327	-	3-25 3.17	12 18.92
Steve Mahmood, Trojans	93.2	15 399	-	1-5-28 4.28	21 19.00
Rakhta Perera, Basings II	117.0	24 386	-	4-22 3.3	20 19.30
Dan King, Basingsstone II	60.5	12 252	-	4-31 3.41	13 19.30
Jonathon Willey, Portsmouth	122.0	30 394	-	4-28 3.23	20 19.78
Matt Bennett, Portsmouth	92.5	11 394	-	3-9 4.22	20 19.78
Ben Duffell, S Wilts II	121.0	15 461	-	3-34 3.79	20 20.05
Kieran Dunsford, Perthin	98.0	21 385	-	3-19 3.71	15 20.06
*Warren Eckstrom, Waterloo	128.3	15 466	2	5-41 3.78	23 21.13
Jack Longman, Trojans	117.4	21 423	-	1-7-22 3.59	20 21.15
Sam Hillman, Waterloo	123.3	37 339	-	3-15 2.74	16 21.19
Anish Joshi, Trojans	62.4	6 235	-	4-32 3.75	11 21.36
Nick O'Connor, St Cross II	65.0	6 279	-	4-20 4.29	13 21.46
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Faisal Rahim, Trojans	95.5	7 426	-	3-37 4.45	18 23.67
Chris Chandler, Basing II	136.2	17 538	-	3-31 3.95	22 24.45
Keith Harris, Basingsstone II	112.0	11 452	-	3-30 4.04	17 26.59
Chris Turrell, Portsmouth & S	114.0	22 346	-	2-12 3.04	13 26.62
Danny Durant, Waterloo	85.2	9 427	-	4-40 5.00	16 26.69
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## Non-league Action

# SPITFIRES LEAVE IT LATE AT HOME

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**NON-LEAGUE REPORTER**

**ECSTATIC** Eastleigh celebrated Non-League Day by keeping their unbeaten home record intact with a dramatic 2-1 win over Southport, watched by a 1,309 Silverlake crowd.

With FA chairman Greg Dyke and ex-referee Howard Webb watching on, the Spitfires were gift-wrapped victory in a bizarre finale after being reduced to ten men by injury.

With the game in the second minute of added time, Eastleigh profited from an own goal by visiting defender Dom Collins, making it ten points gained from their four home games so far in the Vanarama Conference.

With Matt Fry healing a sore Achilles, the door was left open for left-back Michael Green to return after a three-match suspension.

Right-back Dan Spence came back from injury and assistant manager Craig McAllister was handed his first start of the season, with Stuart Fleetwood dropping to the bench.

The Spitfires forced three successive corners early on and from the second they almost made a breakthrough – McAllister's header from Reason's delivery was cleared off the line by Steve Brogan.

Southport, without a league win on their travels for 13 months, barely got a look-in as Eastleigh dominated the early possession.

The visitors had a sniff of an opening on ten minutes when the tough-tackling Reid was penalised for a foul on John Marsden, but Dave Fitzpatrick was easily crowded out as he ran onto Brogan's short free-kick.

Spitfires instantly broke through James Constable who squared left to Reason, but his shot was charged down.

Eastleigh then felt hard done by when Green's deep free-kick looked to come off a Southport player as Reid threatened at the back post, but no corner was given.



**LATE WINNER:** Eastleigh celebrate the late own goal that gave them a win over Southport at the Silverlake.

It was then Jamie Collins turned to give the ball away. The Sandgrounders pumped it down the right to Richard Brodie, who crossed for Brogan on the edge of the box.

Shouts of 'hand-ball' went up from the home fans behind the goal, but the visiting skipper lobbed his effort over in any case.

Eastleigh responded when Green flicked the ball inside for Constable on the left, but the striker couldn't quite steady himself for a shot and keeper Danny Weston gathered.

The game had a slightly subdued feel to it at times on a still afternoon

at the Silverlake, but Eastleigh were woken up with a start on 34 minutes when Southport came close to scoring.

Brodie played an exquisite round-the-corner pass to Evans, who got past Reid and volleyed the ball narrowly over with keeper Ross Flitney beaten.

The Spitfires responded with a great chance of their own but Weston managed to claw away McAllister's header from Reason's cross.

Then, with the game settling into an end-to-end pattern, Dean Beckwith's slip allowed Brodie in

on the right and his effort was touched behind at the near post with 40 minutes gone.

The breakthrough finally arrived four minutes into the second-half – and it went Eastleigh's way.

Constable was brought down by Luke Foster on the edge of the box and Green tapped the free-kick to Reason, who found the net with an exquisite strike to the keeper's right.

Weston then had to twice fingertip the ball away – first from Jack Midson's hanging cross to the right and then from Reason's corner.

Weston was under pressure again

just after the hour, but was up to the task, turning away a low 18-yard strike by Midson to have menacingly cut across from the right.

Just when it looked as if the Spitfires had the game under control, they shot themselves in the foot, gifting Martin Foyle's men a soft equaliser.

Collins fatally surrendered possession and Connor raced through unchecked to knock the equaliser past the exposed Flitney.

On 70 minutes Southport sub Paul Rutherford – just on for Evans – was booked for a foul on Spence who thankfully responded to treatment.

As Eastleigh boss Richard Hill readied Fleetwood, Yemi Odubade and Ben Wright on the touch line, Flitney fingertipped Foster's header over as Southport grew in confidence.

The Spitfires' bold triple substitution, with 13 minutes remaining saw Collins, McAllister and Midson taken off.

But there was concern for Eastleigh seven minutes later when Wright went down with knee problems just outside the visitors' area.

The Sandgrounders broke and Rutherford tested Flitney with a shot on the run.

Wright looked none too comfortable after treatment, forcing Eastleigh to see out the game with ten men.

Southport tried to take advantage with Scott Kay threading the ball through to Marsden but, having got behind Beckwith, he was well blocked out by Flitney.

Brogan looped an effort over for Southport and, at that point, the visitors looked the likelier to sneak a late goal.

But incredibly Southport presented Eastleigh with an unlikely winner halfway through the four added minutes of time.

There looked to be little danger when Constable headed on a long free-kick but, in trying to find Weston, the hapless Collins instead headed into his own net, sparking scenes of joy behind the clubhouse end goal.

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# Non-league Action

## Stags run stopped by Stratford

A SOLITARY Stratford Town strike seven minutes before half-time ended AFC Totton's impressive run of four straight Southern League South & West Division wins, writes **MIKE VIMPANY**.

Chris Sterling scored with Stratford's only chance of the game, the powerful striker feeding off a pass from Alex Price to give the Midlanders a single-goal win.

But Totton, enjoying the lion's share of possession and territorial superiority, endured a frustrating afternoon in the Testwood Stadium

sunshine and wasted a host of opportunities to have scored goals of their own by then.

Their best chance came after ten minutes when Rob Flook, the Stags captain, stole in unmarked from Liam Gilbert's corner and smacked a header against the underside of the Stratford bar.

It bounced down on the goal-line and then away to safety.

Soon after Zac Moulard scuffed a shot which rolled wide and then Jamie Bulpitt sent a rising shot over the bar. Stratford goalkeeper

Andy Kemp made a string of fine saves to deny Totton after that.

He flung himself to his right to turn Bulpitt's shot around the upright and then did likewise to deny the hard working Gilbert, who was Totton's best player.

And those missed opportunities were to come back to haunt Totton when Sterling hit Stratford's 38th minute winner.

But on the stroke of half-time, Kemp made a stunning save as Moulard got a clever flick to Gilbert's free-kick.

A goal ahead, physical-

ly strong Stratford strung five men across the midfield and restricted Totton's opportunities after the break.

Totton threw on all three outfield substitutes but, whilst continuing to control the game, saw chances limited.

Virtually the only chance they had came when some visionary play by Gilbert, pictured right, got Nathaniel Sherborne in, but the substitute rolled his shot wide.

Totton ran out of ideas after that and suffered their first defeat after four straight wins.



## Top four is the aim for Otterbourne

OTTERBOURNE manager Richard Luffman would be surprised if his side didn't finish in the top four of the Puma Engineering Hampshire Premier League Senior Division this season.

The Oakwood Park outfit have finished in the bottom half of the table for the past three campaigns but after recruiting a number of quality reinforcements over the summer months, the Winchester side, who won the Andover Floodlit Cup last term, are confident a lofty finish is on the cards.

Luffman, a former manager of Chandler's Ford Saints who took over in early 2013, has snapped up 20-year-old right winger Tom Ashton from Southern League Sholing, 23-year-old left back Ben Morgan from league rivals Locks Heath and 23-year-old centre back and Sam Doswell, the son of former Eastleigh boss Paul Doswell.

The transfer business doesn't end there with the impressive capture of Stuart Hall from Wessex League Alresford and 29-year-old former Blackfield & Langley centre half Luke Potheary.

They've also dual signed Andover Town 17-year-olds Scott Munro and Tom Wright as well as midfielders Martin Moore and Liam Davies.

Luffman's side also kept mainstays from 2013/14, including 15-goal man Tom Sands and versatile Tom Richards.

"I'm really pleased with the team we've built," said Luffman.

"There are no players left from when I took over 18 months ago, so it's been a complete overhaul.

"With the form we've showed I would be surprised if we didn't finish in the top four.

"I would like to think we'd also mount a title charge.

"Last season we consolidated and I knew we'd be a lot stronger this term."

Otterbourne's eye catching start includes a 6-1 demolition of Clanfield and hitting four past Fleetlands and Overton.

Sands and Ashley Hower have netted eight and six goals respectively in the opening nine games and the youthful side, were only narrowly beaten by table toppers Baffins Milton Rovers last weekend 3-2.

Hamble Club boss Scott Marchant, who they lost to 1-0 on the opening day, was highly impressed by Otterbourne.

"They were the best footballing side we've come up against," he said.

"Otterbourne will be one of the sides up there."

# Blackfield keeper Barfoot keeps Winchester at bay

WINCHESTER City were left to rue missed chances as Blackfield & Langley came from behind to draw 2-2 at the Denplan City Ground in a mesmerising battle of the big guns in the Sydenhams Premier Division on Saturday.

A Warren Bentley goal in both halves saw City take a 2-0 lead, which they could have easily built on were it not for the heroics of Gareth Barfoot, the Watersiders' goalkeeper, who kept his side in the game with a number of brilliant saves, writes **PETER HOWARD**.

Those heroics included palming away Zach Glasspool's powerful shot from the edge of the box in the first half and then thwarting the striker again from the penalty spot with his side two down.

That provided a base for John Robson's outfit to comeback through Jake Rowley and Jamie Musselwhite's effort 20 minutes from time.

The final stages were enthralling as both sides looked for the win. The game was a real advert for the Wessex Premier on, of all of days, Non-League Day, with a crowd of 215 going home thoroughly entertained.

Robson set up his team up with an attacking look. It was spearheaded by Musselwhite with Rowley, Ekow Elliott and Danny Young sitting just behind in the attacking midfield. And they looked more potent in the early stages.

On 13 minutes Elliott and Rowley linked well before Michael Durley – playing as defensive midfielder –



**STAR MAN:**  
Blackfield's  
Gareth Barfoot.

knocked a hopeful chip into the path of the rapid Young, whose shot was blocked.

City, although under pressure in the early stages, had chances of their own.

Bentley tried a cheeky free kick from range that almost caught out Blackfield stopper Barfoot and on 23 minutes Zach Glasspool drew the first applause from the Denplan faithful as he turned Ben Kelly and shot wide from just outside the box.

Barfoot was called into action as a Bentley free kick was blocked by the wall and Glasspool was waiting to pounce on a follow up shot. He nailed powerfully at the keeper, who pulled off a superb theatrical save.

Winchester should have gone ahead on 33 minutes, except they seemed completely reluctant to shoot. Adam Tomasso played into Bentley, who decided to pass in a position where you'd expect him to

shoot. Manning did the same and so did Glasspool before the ball eventually fell to Dominic Cope, but his shot was easily saved.

They made no mistake on 38 minutes as they netted the vital opener. Cope played in Bentley and the prolific striker calmly stroked to the right of Barfoot.

The second half ended frantically, but the early stages saw Winchester hitting their stride and they doubled their lead. It was Glasspool's back heel that played in Bentley to slot home from just inside the box.

Winchester had their first penalty shout turned down as Kev Gibbens brought down Green.

The former Saints man wasn't so lucky later though, as he was penalised for handling in the box on the hour mark.

The resulting spot kick was saved by Barfoot, who got down low to his left, and this was to prove a real turning point.

Six minutes later B&L were back in the game as Rowley darted off the wing and planted a low shot in the bottom left of the goal to make it 2-1.

With 20 minutes left the game was breathless and almost impossible to keep up with as it went end-to-end.

First sub Sam Wilson blasted over from in the box, then Musselwhite was on the end of sub Danilo Cadete's cross to make it 2-2.

In the closing moments Ben Kelly's header at the back post was deflected onto the Winch post, before being cleared.

It was a superb end and a thrilling encounter.

**ALL TODAY'S NON-LEAGUE RESULTS: SEE PAGE 48**



## Non-league News

### Ex-Cherries to line up at Tatnam

AFC BOURNEMOUTH managers past and present are to turn out in support of former Bashley and Poole Town favourite Andy Culliford.

QPR boss Harry Redknapp will manage the Select XI team for Cully's charity match at Poole's Tatnam Ground tomorrow (Sunday, September 7, 4pm), while current Cherries manager Eddie Howe and his assistant Jason Tindall have agreed to play. Culliford is suffering with motor neurone disease.

He continues to work for Dorset Fire & Rescue, but is now office bound.

He has a young family to support as well as having to pay for his own life-saving drugs at a cost of £180 a day.

Tomorrow's match features a Poole Town XI (Andrew's former team mates) v Select XI (Andrew's former opponents and ex-professional footballers).

Admission is £7 adults, £5 senior citizens, £2 under-16s, and free for under-12s. Ex-Saints Jo Tessem and Ian Baird and QPR's Charlie Austin are also getting behind the fund-raiser along with ex-Bournemouth trio Steve Fletcher, Warren Cummings and Marcus Browning.

Donations can be made to the Andy Culliford Benefit Fund: NatWest Acc # 46136738, Sort Code # 52-41-37.



ANDY CULLIFORD

# Tempo City of Southampton Sunday League

## Goals galore on opening day

**THE new Tempo Travel City of Southampton Sunday League season got underway – and didn't fail to entertain with several high scoring affairs throughout the divisions.**

A new-look structure has seen the Premier Division scrapped and seven sides move across from the defunct Southampton & District League.

In the Senior Division – now the top flight – Sholing United got their campaign underway with a 11-0 dismantling of Totton Town, with Southern League Sholing first teamer Nick Watts netting a double hat-trick.

Lejay Giles's brace, Jon Horner, Luke Beck and Costa Sourmendis' goal apiece completed the rout and got the former Southampton & District side off to a perfect start.

KRL – who were in the Premier Division last term – were also off to a flier as they thrashed Alderbrook United 9-0.

Mike Saunders scored a hat-trick, while Ben Cooper netted twice and Lewis Read, Terry Fredericks, Dan Mullins and Ben Bartlett bagged one each.

AFC Bursledon, fresh from promotion from Junior Division One, defeated Cricketers Arms



LEJAY GILES

Fair Oak 3-2.

Second half goals from Blayne Kinley, Sean Nutbeen and Shaun Jones cancelled out Arms' 1-0 half time lead. Aaron Morris and Joe Moore replied.

In the only other game in the top-flight, AFC West End grabbed a 3-1 victory at Yacht Tavern.

Tyler Wyeth had given the home side a 1-0 interval lead, but Fred Cadogan's brace and Steve Deacon's goal ensure a comeback win.

● Promoted Titans thrashed Sky Blues 7-0 in Junior Division 1 of the City of Southampton Sunday League.

Jamie Keyte scored one while Sam Bessant, Aiden Reidy and

Sam Keyte all netted a brace.

New club Ice House gave Landguard Rovers a frosty introduction to the league by beating them 3-1.

Rovers, who were promoted from Junior Three, scored their only goal through Nick Skolsky before a Dan Smith hat-trick ensured victory for the new boys.

Glen secured a 4-2 win against AFC Riverside thanks to Alex Waterman (2), Carl Allain and Jake Voller.

### Hat-trick

Lee Bore bagged a second half brace to secure a 2-1 comeback victory against Chamberlayne Athletic after Ryan Stephenson gave the visitors the lead.

In Junior Division 2, Navarre Lyons-Davies netted a hat-trick as S&D beat Athletico Tin Hut 4-2.

Aidan Collins notched the other, while Jordan Freeman was on target twice for Tin Hut.

Testlands powered to a second period victory, securing a 4-1 win at Phoenix AFC.

Joe Crook was on target twice, while Tom Smith and Dan Rogan netted after Jason Kemp had levelled at the interval.

Mark Thomas's brace for LH Galaxy wasn't enough as they slumped to a 4-2 loss to Itchen

Saints.

League newcomers Hamble Roll Call Reserves, another team who moved from the Southampton & District Sunday League, lost their opening game 3-2.

Wanderers cruised into a 3-0 half time lead through Dan Harket-Burgess, Adam Shepherd and Warren Applegate.

Roll Call hit back in the second half through Ronny Wood and Patrick Goode had netted.

● Last season's Junior Five form side, Bitterne Ducks, received a baptism of fire in their opening game, losing 5-2 to a rampant Dorchester Arms outfit.

Scott Sanders, Joe Clist both got two each and Aaron Heskin was on target for the other. Chris Pye got both for the demoralised Ducks.

Itchen Albion scraped a 2-1 win over Portside. Kyle Taylor and Stuart Pattison netted, while Kemi Uwah replied.

Curbridge were held to a 1-1 draw by new side Portswood United. Matt White replied for Portswood after Callum Foote had fired the home side ahead.

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# Tempo City of Southampton Sunday League

## BISHOPS ARE BASHED BY RED-HOT TRANT



**SIX GOALS:**  
Nick Watts.

**TRANT romped to a 9-0 opening day win at Bishops in their first ever Junior Division 3 match in the City of Southampton Sunday League.**

Aaron Dunne notched four, Rikki Richardson bagged a brace and Gilbert Williams, Daniel Petley and Carl Steadman netted one apiece.

AFC Bishopstoke won 4-1 against Chartwell Green Reserves thanks to goals from Ben McPhillip, James Bright (2) and Chris Bremble. Andrew Higgins replied. Two newcomers, Hedge End Athletic and Ego, produced a goal fest.

After a cagey first half, the teams entered the break at 1-1 but Hedge eventually overpowered Ego 5-2.

Dan Turner and Luke Faithful both hit a brace with Mark Parnell getting the other. Steve Allen twice replied.

Dave Walker struck a hat-trick as Test Valley Spartans smashed Fleming Sports 6-1. Scott Dyer (2) and Tom Reed also netted with Ross Walton replying.

Carnival UK as they got their Junior Division 4 season off to an impressive start with 9-1 slaughtering of Otter Sunday.

Jamie Barron netted a hat-trick with Josh Tear (2), Scott Baron, Gary Crook, Jon Snelling and Paul McIntyre also netting. Jamie Blyth replied.

Eastpoint sacrificed a 2-1 half time lead as Durley came back to grab a draw.

Jamie Brennan and Dan Gregory had given the visitors the lead, but Alex Dallimore and Owen Williams hit back.

There was an eight-goal thriller at Holbury United as King George grabbed a 5-3 victory with two later goals.

The home team had got the game back to 3-3 with two from George West and a Keith Hartman effort. But Mike Jenkins, Mark Phillips, David Williams and Lewis Wright netted for King George.

There was another goal filled epic as Marchwood Rangers won 6-2 against Shelfside. Ben Slade's hat-trick, Mitch Young and Ben Foster gave Ranger an unassailable lead as Nathan Gray and Matt Buckley pulled two back.

The Junior Division 5 action saw Sholing Monks record a biblical 8-1 win against Southampton Seahawks.

Paul Dyke, Ben Rowe, Steven Newman and Luke Newman netted a goal each while Ben Mathers and Pete Marshall netted a brace each as the two new league clubs clashed. Lewis Cornwall replied for the battered Seahawks.



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## Spitfires crash at Inn

AFC Spitfire were shot down by Hunters Inn 4-0 in Junior Division Six of the City of Southampton Sunday League.

Henry Rule, Sam Draycott, Rob Pearce and Ashley McGimpsey all found the net to give them a winning start to life in the CSSFL after joining in the summer.

Sporting Compass have lost their way early on en route to a 6-1 battering against Mottisfont.

Matthew Bosanquet scored four goals while Lewis White and Dan Scott bagged one each. Lee Mason replied.

Unity looked less than organised as they were thrashed by Fawley RBL 6-1.

Jordan Amos grabbed United's consolation while Tom Dolan (2), Matthew Swartz-Mabey, Shaun Auger, Phillip Bryant and David Otworowski gave Fawley victory.

Aaron Nicholds and Mike Knott scored as AFC Phoenix grabbed a 2-1 victory against Bannister Park. Jack Ayling replied.

Testwood Tornados were blown away by Netley RBL 5-1 in Junior Division 7.

Chris Wilde, Aaron Evans, Scott Carr and Adam Sear's brace secured the win. Lee Stark replied.

AFC Bishopstoke Reserves stormed to a 4-0 second half victory against Chamberlayne Athletic Reserves.

Dan Jefford's hat-trick and Nathan Alexander's effort was the difference.

Dorchester Manor narrowly beat Woodside 3-2. Gary Klepp, Paul Myburgh and Steve Robinson found the net for the home team.

Portswood United Reserves and AFC Waterside drew 1-1. Nathan Jennings scored for Portswood before Dean Lamb hit home the leveller.

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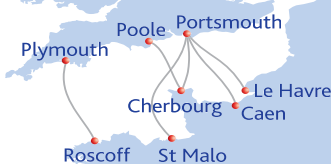
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**BIG SIGNING:** Former Eastleigh, Totton and Blackfield & Langley ace Ros Bottomley has signed for Locks Heath.

# Locks look to end nightmare

**LOCKS** Heath manager John Betteridge admits his side have had a "nightmare" start to the Puma Engineering Hampshire Premier League Senior Division season.

A series of player availability problems has seen them slump to just one win in their opening eight games, writes Peter Howard.

Betteridge is in his first management role after taking over at Heath in July and has overseen a squad overhaul and club redevelopment.

The 30-year-old boss, who has been assistant manager at United Services Portsmouth and Netley Central, arrived at the club without a player signed on.

Since then he has worked round the clock to construct a squad ready for Hampshire top flight action.

However, due to a number of commitments and injuries, many players have been absent during their August matches.

That means they've not

named an unchanged starting XI once and even resorted to playing chairman Jonathan Whitfield in goal one game, which ended in a 9-0 mauling at the hands of high fliers AFC Stoneham.

Betteridge, who played for Alresford, Winchester City and Folland Sports during his goalkeeping days, has announced that Locks Heath's season starts in September and wants to put their summer blues behind them.

"We've not had the greatest start," he said. "It's been a nightmare with the amount of injuries and people on holidays."

"Now August is done we can start our season, it's just been like pre-season really."

"I'd expect us to climb the league now and really start to get our heads down."

The 2012/13 champions haven't dropped out the top four in three seasons – finishing runners-up last term.

But the club has taken on a completely different complexion since then.

"We might as well be called by a different name," said Betteridge. "We're a completely different club now."

"We've played a lot of the top sides already and we've coped well, despite having nine or 10 players available at a time."

Heath have added a number of eye catching and experienced signings to their ranks.

Former Eastleigh and AFC Totton centre half Ross Bottomley was snapped up with Wessex clubs circling. The 30-year-old has joined 16-year-old Jamie Clarke in defence, who arrived from Gosport Borough on a temporary deal.

"Clarke has got the perfect apprentice," said Betteridge. "Ross will be able to teach a lot of things."

"I have to give special mention to Jamie because he is an absolute diamond."

"He'll be able to go a long way in his career."

Among the other signings are Leon Elliott from Division 1 outfit Infinity, John Stevens of Wessex Premier outfit Fareham Town, Leon Cockerill, ex-Saint Glen Cockerill's son, arrived after a break from football and previously played for Woking and centre midfielder Marc Holland switched from New Milton.

## Football world's in mourning for Ryan

SOUTHAMPTON football is mourning the sad loss of one of its most recognisable players.

Ryan New, who was known as Bino, passed away last Friday aged 32-years-old.

New, pictured, was a big personality in local football and played for Sunday league side Woolston T&L, which is now known as Knighton Arms, for nearly a decade.

There he won more than 20 medals, including five Hampshire Sunday Senior Cups, eight Premier Divisions, six AJ Miller trophies and seven Southampton Senior Cups.

He also played for Sporting BTC, Team Solent and Veracity Vipers on Saturday's.

One time Knighton manager and present Hamble Club boss Scott Marchant paid tribute to his former player.

"The Knighton community is in mourning after this tragic loss," he said.

"Bino was an honest and terrific footballer, one of the best to wear the Knighton shirt."

"But, most importantly, away from football Bino was a true gentleman, a genuinely nice guy and a great friend to all that knew him."

"You never heard a bad word said about him, he always had a smile on his face and that rubbed onto many around him."

"Bino was an extremely popular guy and was part of the Woolston T&L and Knighton Arms teams and has left an irreplaceable void."

Marchant joined countless local football people in remembering New.

Gosport Borough midfielder Mike Carter tweeted: "RIP Bino – genuine nice guy that has gone too early, thoughts are with the family. Sleep tight bud."

Folland Sports keeper Ryan Gosney also took to Twitter. He wrote: "RIP BINO! Such a nice guy, that has gone far too early."

While Brockenhurst player Danny Cox, who recently switched from Sholing, tweeted: "RIP Bino. All round good guy, loved his football! Shared many good Sundays with this fella. #UpTheKnighton" Badgers team-mate, Will Tickle, wrote on the social media site: "RIP Bino aka Ryan New, great man, sound lad, good footballer but of all a good friend. Taken to soon. #RIP."

For anyone who wants to attend, New's funeral will take place on Thursday, September 18, at 11:30am at the Hedge End crematorium followed by the wake at the Obelisk Pub, Woolston.

There is also a fundraising event taking place in Bino's name. Call Scott Marchant on 07766081223 for details.



## Hamble's rise is no big surprise

IT never crossed Hamble Club manager Scott Marchant's mind that his side would fail to cope with life in the Puma Engineering Hampshire Premier League Senior Division after promotion last term.

Hamble were beaten just twice as they won a place in the top flight alongside Bush Hill.

They have carried much of that momentum into this season, currently winning all seven matches.

After taking charge in the summer of 2013, Marchant has plotted Hamble's rise through the Hampshire League ranks and it has come as little surprise how well his squad has coped at their new level.

"I knew they'd do really well," he said. "It's a just a process of taking the club upwards."

"I hope that we're in a place to be promoted again at the end of next season, but for now we've got enjoy playing at this level."

"We've been playing well, but have been grinding out the results," Marchant added. "We'll get better and better."

"We've got a good strong squad, no superstars but a good nucleus of players."

Marchant has nurtured his team alongside assistant manager Matty Gregory and coaches Dave Herbert and Kenny Davies.

The boss brought most of the squad together from his days managing in the Sunday leagues at Woolston T&L and the highly suc-

cessful Knighton Arms.

The side that won promotion last term has been joined at the Shell Mex by a number of new signings.

Among them is PJ McClean from Sholing, Gary Fulker from Colden Common, Chris Knight from Winchester Castle, and Ricki Sibley and Pat Nolan from Folland Sports.

Striker Matt Austin has also joined along with Jack Attrill – a 16-year-old left back from AFC Bournemouth – and Mike Lamb a utility player also from Sholing.

Those aren't the only fresh faces at Hamble, with Mick Clarke taking over as chairman after John Foster became president.

The club's eventual aim is to play in the Wessex league, although they intend to approach the challenge of getting there with their own philosophy.

"This is real family club," Marchant said. "We want to provide a place for players to come and enjoy their football."

"There's not an offer of money, but we've had players offered decent money from Wessex clubs and they have turned them down, such is the atmosphere here."

"The top six clubs in the Hampshire League as good as many in the Wessex Premier, but just haven't got the facilities to get up there."

"We're among that number and we just have to improve our ground first."

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**Division One South & West:** AFC Totton 0 Stratford 1, Bashley 1 Bishops Cleeve 1, Bridgwater 0 Cinderford 4, Didcot 2 Mangotsfield 2, Fleet 0 Swindon Supermarine 2, Marthly Town 2, Sholing 1, North Leigh 0 Larkhall 1, Shortwood 1 Clevedon 1, Tiverton 1 Wantage 2, Wimborne 1 Evesham 1, Yate 1 Taunton 1.

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**First qualifying round:** AFC Portchester 2 Bitton 1, Almondsbury 2 Whitchurch Utd 3, Alton Town 1 Tadley Calvea 2, Amesbury Town 3 Hythe & Dibden 1, Andover Town 1 Westbury Utd 0, Bridport 5 Totton & Eling 0, Cribbs 0 Cowes Sports 1, Fareham Town 2 Fawley 0, Hamworthy Utd 6 Winterbourne Utd 3, Lynton Town 8 Romsey Town 0, Moneyfields 4 Brockenhurst 0, New College Academy 3 Fleet Spurs 3 (aet), Pewsey Vale 0 Melksham Town 4, Swanage Town & Herston 2 Downton 0, Team Solent 3 Cadbury Heath 3, Wincanton 0 Bemerton HH 5.

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**Premier Division:** Alresford 1 Newport IOW 5, Bournemouth Poppies 0 Folland Sports 2, Petersfield 4 Christchurch 0, Verwood 0 Hordean 3, Winchester City 2 Blackfield & Langley 2.

**Division One:** East Cowes Vics 1 Ringwood 6, US Portsmouth 4 Andover New Street 1.

#### PUMA ENGINEERING HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE

**Premier Division:** Bush Hill 2 Clanfield 2, Colden Common 2 Overton 1, Hamble Club 0 AFC Stoneham 1, Hedge End Rangers 3 Fleetlands 3, Locks Heath 2 Liss 1, Otterbourne 4 Liphook 1, Paulsgrove 2 Stockbridge 1, Winchester Castle 2 OK Southampton 2.

**Division One:** Andover Lions 1 Cadnam 2, Lyndhurst 3 Infinity 4, Michelmersh & Timsbury 1 Four Marks 10, Netley Central 4 Upham 1.

**Combination:** AFC Stoneham pp Hamble Club, Clanfield pp Michelmersh & Timsbury, Fleetlands 0 Hedge End Rangers 1, Liphook 1 Otterbourne 2, Liss 3 Paulsgrove 1, Overton 4 Headley Utd 2, OK Southampton 3 Winchester Castle 3.

#### WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE

**Premier Division:** Sholing pp Ringwood.

**Division One East:** Hordean pp Andover NS, Tadley Calvea 0 Fareham Town 3.

**Division One West:** Downton pp East Cowes Vics, Laversham & Ford 8 Verwood 6.

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